



MYSTIC EXCLUSIVE

Nostradamus

COUSIN:

■ by DAVID O'DORNAN
WE didn't see this
coming... Serbia's top
psychic says England
will have a thumping
victory today and go
on to win the Euros.

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And seeing as he's a
relative of Nostradamus
it's obviously nailed on.

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3 Lions to

Wind Euros



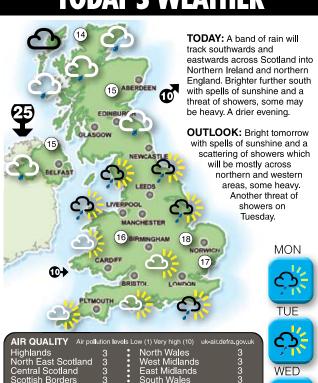


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ILLEGAL: Dumping

Firms in sewage scandal

WATER firms are being accused of "illegally" releasing sewage thousands of times during the record heatwave of 2022.

Figures suggest it may have been spilled during dry weather about 6,000 times that summer.

Water companies are permitted to release sewage into rivers and seas in exceptional circumstances such as heavy rain when there is a risk the system may become overwhelmed and it could flow back into homes

But spills outside those times can be deemed illegal and should be reported to the Environment Agency for investigation.

Dr David Butler, professor of water engineering at the University of Exeter, and co-author of the paper, said investment from water companies has "not really been up to scratch".

Helen Wakeham from the Environment Agency said about the heatwave spills: "I'm not surprised these networks haven't been invested in decades."

The water companies accused of the heatwave sewage spills have disput-

Driver's 3yrs jail

A DRIVER killed a woman cyclist by driving through a red light while inhaling laughing gas.

Harry Lock, 24, hit and fatally injured mother-of-three Maria Perez-Gonzalez, 53, in Exeter.

The healthcare assistant. from Exeter, died in hospital from her injuries two days later.

Her devastated family has chosen to release footage of Lock's BMW hitting her bike in a bid to deter dangerous drivers.

Lock, from Plymouth, was jailed for three years and four months at Exeter Crown Court after admitting causing death by dangerous driving.

PLANT LEAK ALERT

FOLK were urged to keep windows and doors shut after a chemical leak at Dow Corning in Barry, Vale of Glamorgan.

NEWS

ZARA ALEENA INQUEST

ondon Coroner's Court Law graduate, 35, was murdered as she walked home from a night out in Ilford, east London in June 2022.

TV STAR STALKER SENTENCING

Tues, Bas

James Haviland, 63, of Hants pleaded guilty to stalking Fern Britton.

SPORT

PINEHURST

The game's top

stars battle it out in

the final round to get

their hands on trophy.

Should be gripping stuff.

ENGLAND V DENMARK,

Thurs, 5pm, Frankfurt, BBC One

Gareth Southgate's men will be looking to

get better of a decent Denmark side that

has Rasmus Hojlund & Christian Eriksen.

US OPEN GOLF,

FUN

ALEXANDRA BURKE ON STAGE

Pop star kicks off a run in Sister Act The Musical in the West End as a nun on the run. More at sisteractthemusical.co.uk

LIAM GALLAGHER ds & Thurs / OVO

Hydro, Glasgow

Show celebrates 30 years of the album Definitely Maybe. Visit ovohydro.com

TELLY

THE TRAITORS

treaming on BBC US version of reality

show is back for a second series - and you can binge the lot. Hosted by Alan Cumming.

BAKE OFF: THE PROFESSIONALS

The expert bakers must tackle a pastry challenge in a bid to impress the judges. Hosted by comic Ellie Taylor and former Bake Off contestant Liam Charles.



DON'T FORGET

FATHER'S DAY

It's Father's Day today, so take the time to celebrate any of the father figures in your life and show them our love and appreciation.

Keir slams 'desperate' claim

imposing capital

gains tax on the sale of

people's homes, saying it was "desperate"

tactics by the Tories to



suggest he would. ne Labour leader said he could "absolutely" guarantee it would not happen.

There was never a policy so it doesn't need ruling out, but let's rule it out in case anybody pretends that it

was." he said. Labour has explicitly ruled out increasing the rates of

income tax, VAT and national insurance.

But it has largely responded to questions about its

SIR Keir Starmer ruled ■ by JOHN WARD

wider tax policy by saying there were "no plans" in the manifesto that required tax hikes beyond those set out in the document.

Sir Keir told reporters on a visit to a hospital in Worksop: "This was just a desperate story by the Tories in relation to capital gains tax."

Meanwhile, veterans minister Johnny Mercer warned would-be Reform UK voters they risk handing checked" power to Sir Keir if they backed the party. Mr Mercer said: "If you

vote Reform, you're going to get a Labour Government".

Rethink for 'Sir Al'show

THE writer of ITV drama Mr Bates Vs The Post Office has joked they might need to change the name of the programme after its hero Alan Bates received a knighthood.

Gwyneth Hughes said Sir Alan deserves a holiday for all the work he has done on behalf of the subpost-masters impacted by the Horizon scandal.

More than 700 subpost-

masters were prosecuted by the Post Office and handed criminal convictions between 1999 and 2015 after a faulty IT system made it appear cash was missing from their branches.

Sir Alan was one of more than 550 claimants who had brought legal action against the Post Office, known as a group litiga-tion, over the Horizon IT system between 2017 and 2019.

Gwyneth Hughes told Times Radio that Sir Alan's knighthood was "fantastic".
She said: "I mean, who

could possibly deserve it more than Alan?

"We might have change the name of the programme, Sir Alan Vs The Post Office, I can picture him in the new trailer on a white charger."

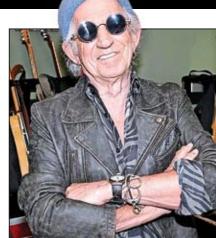


DINER'S GUTTED..

A MAN'S colon fell out of a surgical wound when he both coughed and sneezed while having his breakfast in a Florida cafe.

Rolling stoned





OUT OF IT: Keef, now 80, slept through

EPIC BENDER

■ by DAVID O'DORNAN

ROCKER Keith Richards was so wiped out on a Rolling Stones tour that he was flown to a new country while still in bed.

Keef couldn't be stirred from his slumber so the band's roadies had to cart him onto the band's plane while he was kipping.

He then woke up in a different hotel room before playing their next gig.

Former PR guru
Alan Edwards has spilled the beans about life on the road with the Stones in his with the Stones in his new book I Was There.

He said: "The tour manager couldn't wake Keith up in a hotel room to fly to the next country.

ON ROLL: Alan

"So roadies carried the bed, with Keith sleeping in it, out of the hotel, loaded it on to the plane then hauled it off when the plane touched down again.

"Keith woke up in another hotel room in another country without having stirred.

'There were none of the normal constraints in terms of when or where the plane departed... the Stones were travelling on their own 747 jet."



LULU has revealed how she couldn't believe she won Rear

no booty".
The Shout hitmaker,
75, won the now axed
competition in 1983.
Recalling her win, the
mum-of-one said: "I don't even have a rear. I have no booty! Certainly not today when you look at the yay booties have progressed."

STRUGGLE: Sight

Eye fail for fans

MILLIONS of fans will end up cheering on the wrong teams during this year's Euros.

Vision experts said nearly half will also miss crucial goals and action because of their dodgy peepers.

dodgy peepers.

A study by Optical Express found more than a quarter of people (26%) who wear glasses or contact lenses struggle to differentiate between teams when watching live football.

Stephen Hannan, of

Stephen Hannan, of Optical Express, said: "If you're suffering from unsatisfactory vision, despite wearing glasses or contact lenses, it's best to book in for an eye test."

FURUS

GERMAN cops
hope fans smoke dope
instead of boozing.
With cannabis legal in
Germany, a police
spokesman said: "Alcohol

spokesman said: "Alcohol can make someone more aggressive, and cannabis puts people in a chill mood."

SPOT

Scoff to match..

SUPERMARKETS are punting a series Euro 2024-themed goodies aimed at fans.

Aldi is flogging four packs of Football Crumpets for £1.19.

Asda is offering nine Football Cupcakes for £5 and Takeout Club Let's Bring It Home pizzas also for £5. While Morrisons is

While Morrisons is selling a Giant Football Cookie for £7.

Sainsbury's has a special meal deal that includes two pizzas, two sides and one dip for £12.

And Co-op says it reckons it will sell a million pizzas during the tournament.

Kris Hamer, director of insight at the British Retail Consortium, said: "After sluggish spring sales, shoppers are expected to kick off their summer spending at the Euros."



WAGs earn fortune in cash swipe

ENGLAND'S team of WAGs can earn fortunes from their sunloungers... with a simple swipe of a manicured fingernail.

That is how much the superstars' wives and girlfriends can rake in from a single Instagram post.

Between them they

■ by JERRY LAWTON

boast more than six million followers. Top of the league is Jarrod Bowen's girlfriend Dani Dyer, daughter of EastEnder Danny. Dani, 27, has 3.8million

Dani, 27, has 3.8million followers and can pocket £16,800 per message.

Conor Gallagher's squeeze, 26-year-old dancer Aine May Kennedy, can rake in £709.

While Jude Bellingham's Dutch model lover Laura Celia Valk, 25, can earn a whopping £3,600.

Tolami Benson, 23, Arsenal striker Bukayo Saka's girlfriend, makes £581, while Declan Rice's girlfriend Lauren Fryer, 25, has shot up the influencer league table since his £105million transfer from West Ham to Arsenal. She could ask £1K a message, says sports odds analyser KingCasinoBonus.uk

THREE LIONS ARE SET FOR GLORY ** EURO2024



OUT: Redknapp Harry's 'no job'

RETIRED Harry Red-knapp has ruled him-self out of taking the England job should Gareth Southgate flop.
The former Totten-

ham boss, 77, left, who retired from manage-ment in 2017, said that he would not put himself forward.

Asked who his top choice is, he said: "Gareth might have to go, but I'm ruling my-self out I'm afraid.

"Eddie Howe is my choice to take over, but not many English bosses jump out at me."

Global sports entertainment company Sorare has teamed up with Harry to challenge punters to "do a better job" than him online.

TWO pals have driven from England to Germany in a £650 car to cheer on the Three Lions. Robbie Thompson and Dan McGladdery nursed the Vauxhall Vectra from Middlesbrough to Gelsenkirchen.

Sup for the cup

ENGLAND fans will today sup 30million pints in a £150million Euro 2024 booze and burgers bender.

More than 17million are set to watch the Three Lions' opening match in pubs, beer gardens and parties.

England's 35,000 boozers will be packed with two million drinkers supping 14m pints, with another 16m sunk at home

British Beer and Pub Association chief executive Emma McClarkin said: "The Euros will be a busy time for pubs as fans watch games together while enjoying drinks."

Supermarket sales of beer, pizzas and burg-ers have rocketed in the build-up.

Analysts Kantar said: 'The Euros are having a big impact on grocery sales."





ON CARDS: Tarot Milan made prediction

EXCLUSIVE ■ by DAVID O'DORNAN

SERBIA will get thumped by England today - according to the country's top psychic who claims to be a relative of Nostradamus.

Milan Radonjic, who goes by the name Milan Tarot, also foresees the Euro 2024 trophy coming home with the Three Lions.

The Serb soothsayer is the Balkan state's

answer to mind-bender Uri Geller and claims he is the "world's greatest wizard".

Milan made a name for himself in his country by predicting the future on TV with stints on a raft of shows in Croatia and Bosnia too.

Now, in an exclusive chat with the Daily Star Sunday, he has boasted that his "cousin from the ninth generation is Nostradamus" - the prophet from the 16th Century – and declared: "England win, yes. I see big party. It's very easy draw

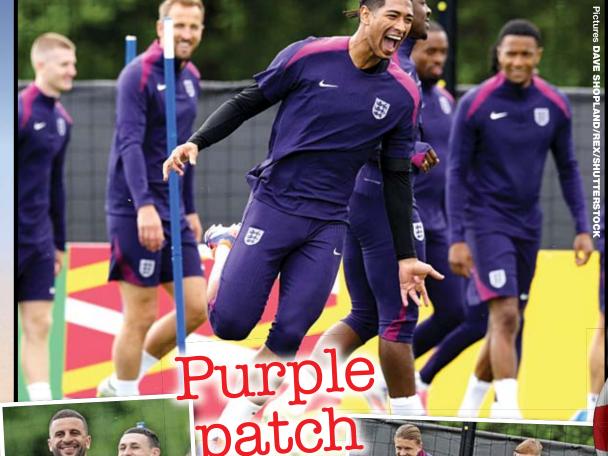
because other teams don't have any middle and defence players. "Example, Serbia haven't defend players. England score lots of goals and not be draw in this group. Slovenia 3-0 and Denmark 4-0."

Milan reckons England skipper Harry Kane will bag the golden boot too, adding: "He will be player of the tournament. He scores 11 goals. Only in group stage six."

You can find more information on Milan and his services at milantarot.com

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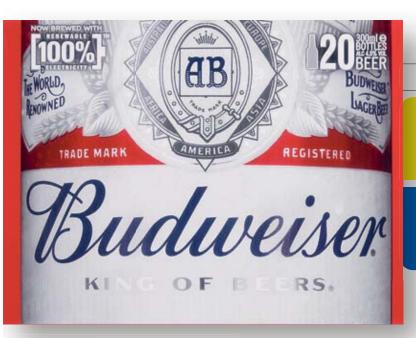
ENGLAND stars look relaxed in training for tonight's game.
Gareth Southgate put the players through their paces of their base of

through their paces at their base at Weimarer Land Spa, Blankenhain, before their opening group stage match against Serbia in Gelsenkirchen.



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DEVOTED: With René

Celine: Spirit is with me

CELINE Dion believes that her late husband's spirit remains in her life.

She reckons eight years after losing her husband and manager René Angélil to cancer, his presence re-mains in her home.

The Canadian singer, 56, who is battling stiff-person syndrome, says her twin sons too are in touch with Angélil beyond the grave. Dion said: "I'm still

married to René. He's still my husband.
"When we have to travel

to my treatments to see my doctors, I always bring pictures [of him].

"And we have pictures, of course, all over the place in

the house."

Dion opens up about the last several years of her life in a revealing documentary called I Am: Celine Dion, which is on Prime Video from June 25.



PAIR: Donovan & statue

Jason's twin of statue

A STATUE made in honour of Tony Blair in Kosovo has gone viral after people said it looks like Jason Donovan.

It was unveiled in Ferizaj to celebrate 25 years of independence from the former state of Yugoslavia, where Sir Tony played a role in Nato discussions.

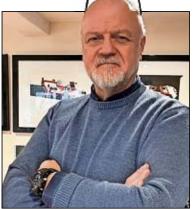
The ex-PM's former official spokesman Alastair Campbell shared the image to urge people to vote Labour in the election.

But it went viral after X users noticed a resemblance to the Aussie singer.

One wag joked: "Jason Donovan statue revealed lol. Should be Tony Blair", while another said: "That's

Jason Donovan..."
A third said: "Looked at why Jason Donovan was trending, now can't unsee how much he looks like Tony Blair."





MOVIE: Nigel Gordon-Stewart

<u>Bawdy Brit</u> films in line for a reboot

■ by AARON TINNEY
THE Carry On films are getting a reboot – and it certainly won't be woke.

After a series of false starts, the franchise is making a comeback with a flick about a beachfront talent contest.

Director Nigel Gordon-Stewart said the revamp will be as naughty as ever, asking: "What makes you laugh?
"Chances are it's different things –

slapstick, innuendo, a farcical situation, a misunderstanding, some physical comedy, a naughty, witty or cheeky line or a full-on, well-told joke.

"We have no intention of making jokes, plots or scripts deliberately in bad taste or with intent to offend anyone, but can't guarantee we won't, be-

cause you just can't do that anymore."
The 31 Carry On movies produced huge stars including Barbara Windsor, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and were famed for their bawdy routines. The last movie was in 1992.

Carry On Beside The Sea will be accompanied by a stage show of the same name in London's West End.

Amanda Holden has said a role in a Carry On reboot is "one of the only ambitions I have left".

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CLASSIC: Movie poster



Says Written win the stars..

HERE we go, here we go... again.

A nation holds its breath and dares to dream that this time will be the one.

The year England finally realises its potential and wins a major tournament. And for nervous fans we have some areat news.

Our crack reporting team have had a chat with a Serbian mystic who reckons he's related to the ancient seer Nostradamus.

Not only does he think Gareth Southgate's lads will destroy Serbia in tonight's opening game...

He reckons the Three Lions will go

on to win the Euros.

The mystic, who claims Barack Obama and Bill Gates have sought out his future-telling skills, says England will have one "big party" to celebrate next month.

Let's hope he's on the ball.

England's players look on paper as being the best in the tournament.

But you win games on the grass, not on paper.

Though with the support of the country behind you, and psychic predictions on your side.

We wish all the squad the best and believe that finally... football's coming home!

Jarry On's comeback

CARRY On films are as big a part of British culture as cups of tea and fish and chips.

And our exclusive story today reveals the much-loved comedy concept is making a comeback.

An upcoming Carry On Beside The Sea film will be accompanied by a stage show of the same name.

There's a podcast too.

The man behind the revival reckons the new version will be just as funny as the old ones - and just as cheeky.

And it certainly won't be woke! Nigel Gordon-Stewart tells us he won't be trying to offend but they will be made in the spirit of the oldies.

He wants to reignite the family friendly entertainment to make people laugh. Let's hope he can do it and make it funny.

And Carry On the hilarious films so that they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

care test

GHOSTS are haunting the Download Festival site and apparently they love the band Busted.

And we thought a happy ghoul's fave band is the Grateful Dead...



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OME FATHER'S DA

IT'S Father's Day - the perfect time to settle down with a film or TV show featuring some of the most iconic

screen dads. But how much do you remember about these famous fatherly characters?

It's time to gather the family to see if you can make a "pa score with MOORE's cracking new brain teaser...

In the 1980's The Empire Strikes Back, it's revealed that Darth Vader is father to... his "My a**e" catchphrase?

- A) Obi-Wan Kenobi
- Han Solo C) Luke Skywalker
- The 1989 flick Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade saw which of these James Bond stars play Indy's dad, Henry Jones Sr?
- A) Roger Moore
 B) Sean Copper
- B) Sean Connery C) Daniel Craig
- In The Simpsons cartoon series, where do doughnut

loving Homer and his family live?

- A) Weatherfield B) Spring Springfield Sheffield
- The hit movie Mrs Doubtfire saw Robin Williams dad turn housekeeper to stay close to his
- children. When was it released?
- A) 1983 B) 1993 C) 2003
- 5 What was the first

- name of the dad in TV comedy The Royle Family famous for
- A) Jim
- B) Jack C) John
- Screen legend Marlon 6 Brando played Jor-El, the father of Superman, on which fictional planet?
- A) Arrakis
- B) Gallifrey C) Krypton
- In the 2003 movie Finding Nemo what type of fish are Marlin and his son?

10

- A) Clownfish B) Swordfish
- C) Catfish

- With which of these classic Christmas movies would you associate dad George Bailey?
- A) Home Alone B) Elf
- C) It's A Wonderful Life
- In which TV comedy would you find Mick Shipman?

 A) Gavin & Stacey
- B) Benidorm C) Shameless
- In the sitcom 10 Outnumbered how many children does Pete Brockman, played by Hugh Dennis, have? A) Three
- B) Four

11 Which land-mark does Chevy Chase's Clark Griswold knock down in National

Lampoon's European Vacation?

- A) The Eiffel Tower B) Stonehenge
- C) Big Ben
- 12 What are the names of Ned Stark's daughters in Game Of Thrones?
- A) Sansa and Arya
- Cersei and Daenerys C) Catelyn and Margaery
- 13 With which gameshow do you associate father and son hosts Bradley and Barney Walsh?
- A) Total Wipeout B) Ninja Warrior UK C) Gladiators
- 14 In the 2008 movie Taken, who plays Bryan Mills searching for his daughter
 - A) Matt Damon B) Liam Neeson C) Tom Cruise
 - 15 In the Addams Family TV and movies what is the name of Gomez's daughter?
 A) Wednesday
 - B) Thursday C) Friday
- ANSWERS: 1)C 2)B 3)B 4)B 5)A 6)C 7)A 8)C 9)A 10)A 11)B 12)A 13)C 14)B 15)A



Myrie's death threats

CLIVE Myrie was left "shaken" after receiving death threats.

The Mastermind host revealed he had endured an increase in racial hatred

since becoming a more "visible" presenter.
Clive said he received faeces and "cards in the post with gorillas on," as well as an email saving. well as an email saying: "You shouldn't be on our TV, you dress like a pimp". The 59-year-old tol

The 59-year-old told Lauren Laverne on BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs: "One chap issued death threats, and he was prosecuted.

"His death threats involved talking about the kind of bullet that he'd use

in the gun to kill me." Clive, who will co-host the BBC's General Election night coverage with Laura Kuenssberg, added: "I was shaken for a while after I'd been told."



WEDDING CRASHER

cause is still not fully understood.

A BRIDE hobbled down the aisle after being thrown from the back of a truck at 50mph the day before her wedding in Utah, US.



N CAMPBELL 1970-2024

BOFFINS say a coffee at your desk while working can help you live longer.

Coffee key

to long life

anti-inflammatory properties cancel out the impacts of sitting for hours, the Chinese study found.

£10 pints in 5 years

WE could all be paying £10 for a pint in five years.

The Ukraine war and poor wheat harvests are forcing prices up.

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■ by ISOBEL DICKINSON TRÍBUTES have been paid to former Arsenal and Everton striker Kevin Campbell, who died at 54 after a short illness.

His ex-Gunners captain Tony Adams said: "Super Kev: a goal machine, a giant of a man, with an even bigger heart.

"An intensely private and a truly wonderful human being. "I'm devastated for his loved

ones, and all of us."

Campbell's former Arsenal strike partner Alan Smith added: "He was ambitious and driven because he wanted to do well.

You see the photos with his big smile and that was his personality. He was warm-hearted and popular with all the boys.

An Arsenal spokesman said: 'Kevin was adored by everyone at the club.

"All of us are thinking of his friends and family at this difficult time. Rest in peace, Kevin."

A spokesman for Everton said: "Everyone saddeeply dened by the death of our former striker.

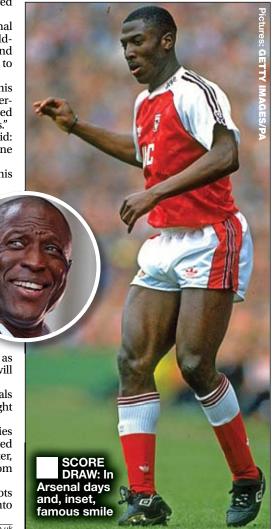
"Not just a true Goodison Park hero and icon of the English game, but an incredible person as well – as anyone who ever met him will know. RIP, Super Kev."

Campbell scored 148 goals in 542 appearances for eight clubs during his career.

He won four major trophies with Arsenal and also played for Leyton Orient, Leicester, Nottingham Forest, West Brom and Cardiff.

Campbell hung up his boots in 2007 before moving into broadcasting.

Loving tributes as footie hero dies aged 54





'BELOVED': Sarkic

Matija Sarkic has died at the age of 26.

The footballer reportedly collapsed at his apartment in Budva in the Balkan country

apartment in Budva in the Balkan country yesterday morning.

The Montenegro FA said the "beloved" and "eternally smiling guy" died suddenly.

The goalkeeper joined Millwall from Wolves in August 2023 and made 33 appearances last season. The Championship club said they were "completely devastated" while adding: "Everyone at the club sends their love and condolences to Matija's family and friends."

WHAT'S the most effective way to remember your wife's Just forget it once...

of the week

MONEY has ruined so many top sports... and now it's triggered ructions at another elite event, Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hotdog eating contest in New York.

There is beef between 16-time winner Joey Chestnut and the organisers after he signed a deal with a firm flogging vegan hot dogs.

Nathan's has now banned the world record holder - he ate 76 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes - from competing.

Come on, stop being wieners and let him in.

Tory twerp stakes claim

THERE'S stiff competition. but this week's pillock politician is Rishi Sunak's close aide, Craig Williams. The Tim Nice-But-Dim

lookalike was caught after he staked £100 at a bookies on a July election being called.

Ooh, I wonder how he knew? It stinks, and the plonker has ended up apologising for his "huge error of judgment".

Judging by the shambolic Tory campaign so far, I wouldn't be at all surprised if his pal Biggles has bet a fortune

annihilation at the ballot box next month.

Does Alan deserve it? Yes, Sir

OLD ON FOR

THINGS are grim over here... but

what the hell's going on in the US?
The Yanks go to the polls in
November with a chance to vote
for a convicted criminal orange

manbaby who talks crazier nonsense by the hour...

Or a very old man who needs other world leaders to stop him wandering off like a confused toddler.

The USA is the most powerful nation on Earth. God help us all.

I'M all for scrapping our archaic and ridiculous honours system... but I'll make an exception for Sir Alan Bates, the latest Knight of the Realm (seriously, is it Game Of

or is it Britain?). If he stood up and fought for victims of the Post Office Horizon IT scandal, these appalling miscarriages

Thrones

been buried. But why stop at Sir, why not "Arise, King Alan"?

of justice would have

Tay's top

TAYLOR Swift's tour hit Liverpool this week, thrilling fans who included former Reds boss Jurgen Klopp. I'm afraid while she

was in the great city, she missed a chance to change the title of her hit song You Need To Calm Down to, You

Need To Calm Down, Calm

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HE'S FUMING, FEARLESS & FUNNY

ing about Monty Python's Four Yorkshiremen sketch this week.

Michael Palin, Terry Chapman, Terry Jones and Eric Idle sit around talking about how well off they are now, while competing over how poor une, they were young. "Who'd have

thought 30 year ago we'd all be sittin' here drinking Château de Chasselas, eh? 'I was happier then and I had nothin.'

We used to live in this tiny old house with great big holes in the roof."
Chapman replies: "House! You were

lucky to live in a house! We used to live in one room, all 26 of us, no furniture, 'alf the floor was missing, and we were all 'uddled together in one corner."

It escalates until Idle resorts to: "I had to get up at 10 o'clock at night half an hour before I went to bed, work 29 hours a day down mill, and pay mill owner for

permission to come to work, and when we got home, our dad and our mother would kill us and dance on our graves."

It came to me as I heard Rishi "Biggles" Sunak put his foot in his mouth again as he claimed he "went without" as a child... because he didn't have Sky TV.

Why do politicians do this "I've had it hard" routine when we know it's nonsense? Rishi has no idea what it's like for families who can't afford food or energy.

He's not the only one. Keir "ain't no charmer" Starmer can't wait to tell us all He got annoved when people laughed after he'd repeated it for the billionth time.

Starmer said they were snobs, oblivious to the fact that saying it over and over

makes him look like a tool.

Then we have Nigel "I'm your mate" Garage who went to a posh private school and became a rich banker but reckons he is like us because

he has a fag and a pint down the local. We don't care where these people are from as long as they're honest and aim to help the country. We can't guarantee that, but I can guarantee we won't have a say unless we get out there and vote.

The deadline to register is this Tuesday and you need to apply for a postal vote by Wednesday. Do it or face having more idiots in charge ruining the country.

And as the Four Yorkshiremen say: "You try and tell the young people of today that, they won't believe you."



Gary Glitter

THE paedophile could lose his multi-million pound fortune with more women coming forward to sue him following a court ruling this week. Good this week. Good.

To join the debate, email Wardy at john.ward@dailystar.co.uk

Liam Galla I WAS transported straight back to 1994 as I heard Liam bash out Oasis' Definitely Maybe album at the O₂ this week. What a talent,

Drugs lab is raided

ONE of the largest amphetamine labs ever found in the UK has been busted

by police.
Four men were arrested and some 132.2lb of the drug seized from addresses in Clitheroe, Lancs, and Wigan.

The raids were part of a major Greater Manchester Police crackdown.

READ ALLOWED

BOOKS about burns and a farting leprechaun can't be banned by Texan libraries and must return to shelves, a US court has ruled.

LYNX EFFEC



SPOTTED: Predator on the prowl

LYNX and other big cats are already widespread throughout Britain.
Paul Macdonald from the Scottish Big Cat Research Team

said a database of sightings is kept under wraps to stop them being disturbed or hunted.

But he claims the data shows nx are "everywhere".
The expert said: "We are sure

about these sightings because

1,000 big cats roaming wild throughout Britain

creatures.

"They're lanky looking with a bushy face, white beards, tufted least 1,000 big cats live in the ears and a short tail. When we have two or three of these

they are such weird-looking unique features reported, it's only going to be a lynx.

Expert Alex Bowler thinks "at wild in Great Britain".

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WIDESPREAD: Sightings







STRONG WORDS: Play

Merry scary

Windsor might not be all that cheerful after being slapped with 12 trigger warnings by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Punters at performances are warned the play shows

adultery, violence and bullying, with body-shaming and manipulative and domineering behaviour.

Other sensitive topics include drugs and alcohol along with some charac-

ters taking them on stage. Warnings are also posted for those worried about live music, flashing lights, gunshots, loud noises and effects, haze and smoke.

Theatregoers are invited to call the box office "if there are specific themes you are concerned about".



THIS lonely bunny is looking for a home with a new hunny to spend her time with.

Friendly Cookie is on the hunt for a family with a male neutered bunfriend of a similar age, around 6-12 months.

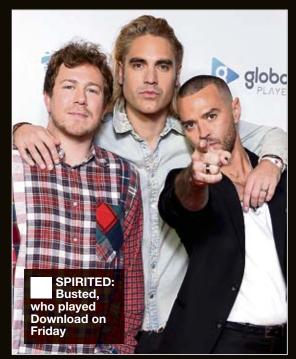
She loves eating vegetables and playing on the grass. Cookie is used to living with friendly cats and dogs who won't chase her.

She's looking for a spacious outdoor home and needs an enclosure of at least 9ft x 6ft, but the bigger the better, with a weatherproof hutch of a minimum 6ft.

IT'S A BEAR COP...

CUSTOMS agents foiled a prickly plot by seizing 57 protected peyote cacti hidden in teddy bears in Warsaw, Poland.





Download spooks rock out to boy band



GHOSTS are haunting the Download Festival site - by DOMINIK LEMANSKI by organisers to do a parar and they get their groove on to Busted.

Spooks, believed to be linked to Georgian aristocrats, are thought to be hiding out at the Donington Park venue. Ghost-hunting rocker Brocarde, 40, left, was called in

by organisers to do a paranormal investigation before acts hit the Avalanche Stage at the Leicestershire site this weekend.

And she reckons she "struck gold" when she detected spirits from the 18th Century. She told us: "I picked up on two ghosts to live near the site.

"One, a man named George, a pompous fox-hunting fanatic who was surely lingering around to mosh to Busted.

"He kept parading in front of the stage on horseback with his pack of angry hounds. The other,

from the Georgian era who used his wife in her 18th-Century to live near the site. his wife in her 18th-Century gown, seemed more disgruntled.

"Perhaps she's concerned her regalia will get trashed in the pit." Donington Park has a 40-year plus history as the home of rock

and hosts Download each year.

The Star Says: P8

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IT'S still months off, but this year's Christmas telly already looks cracking.

The BBC is leading the

way by reviving a raft of classic shows.

We'll get the first episode of Outnumbered in eight years, right, plus a new Wallace and Gromit adventure.

And, of course, there will be the last Gavin & Stacey when we'll find out what Smithy said to Nessa's proposal

said to Nessa's proposal.
On top of that we'll have all the usual specials of Doctor Who, Call The Midwife

and Bake Off.
With so much great stuff to cram into the schedules, I can see the soaps getting sidelined. They don't pull in

the ratings they used to...
even last year's much-hyped
death on EastEnders didn't
do that well. I can't see them
getting decent slots when things are this competitive.



I'M A Celeb winner Sam Thompson is now officially a star of the big screen too. Yes, really. He voices a security guard in new Disney flick Inside Out 2, which hit cinemas on Friday and is expected to top the box office

charts.



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* FILM WBIZ * MOLLY Smith is carving out a new career as a fitness guru.

The Love Island beauty launched her own training plan, called Move With Molly, earlier this month and it's already been a major success.

A source told me: "Molly is absolutely thrilled with the success of her platform. Fitness is such a huge passion for her and she's so pleased that she's now able to share it with others."

For more details head to mwmplan.com

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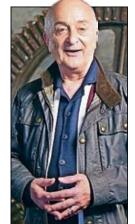
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RICK S' UP FOR SOME

Legend Tony waiting for perfect sitcom



SIR Tony Robinson wants to make his comedy comeback at 77.

The TV legend is famous for playing Baldrick in classic show Blackadder and now he's keen to do another sitcom.

It's five years since he tackled a funny role – in ITV's Plebs.

He told me: "I'm keen to do

more comedy, oh yeah.

"I'd consider a Hopefully it'll happen." Tony is still in demand after

more than 50 years in acting. To this day he gets swamped with TV

offers. But he's still waiting for the right role to come up.

He added: "Î've been offered a few roles. But nothing that has got me terribly

excited. But I do The Madame Blanc Mysteries every summer - and I'm quite happy doing that."

Tony is a big fan of comedy and loves watching sitcoms when he's on the sofa enjoying a night in.

He said: "I watched Derry Girls

the other night and cried my eyes out at the last episode."

While Tony is most famous for playing Blackadder's bumbling servant Baldrick, these he's carving career doing documentaries.

In recent years he has tackled all sorts of topics from machines to war and even making a 200-mile journey down the Thames.

NEW musical Babies has one of the strangest concepts I've ever heard

It's set in a school that's trying to tackle rising rates of teenage pregnancy by making students look after robot babies.

And the challenge forces them to confront some home truths and face their insecurities.

The plot is so bizarre it takes a moment to get used to. But once you go with it, this show is fantastic.

It perfectly captures the chaos and panic of being a teenager with its emotional and poignant moments.

There are also some memorable and catchy songs which are packed with funny lines.

The cast of youngsters is all killer, no filler. It's great to see so much new talent getting a chance to shine.
Babies is running until July 14 at The Other Palace in London.



BRUNO Tonioli loves a good gossip. And when I interviewed him a little while ago, it was such a hoot. Once you get Bruno talking, there's no stopping him. The Britain's



Name drop

What they're really like

cracking stories. I can only imagine what you'd hear over a boozy lunch with him.

Have your say: Email me at edward.gleave@dailystar.co.uk or tweet me at @EdHotTV

CLUBS OFFERED FAN-TASTIC GIFTS

out a wide selection of naff Father's Day gifts.

They included keyrings, slippers, pint glasses, place mats, dart sets and even a dad-themed apron.

Carabao Cup winners
Liverpool offered a "No 1
Dad Keyring" for £5, while
Manchester Unit Edward £12 for a Stein Pint Glass.

A pair of Spurs Grey Mule

Slippers were available for £20 and their London rivals offered a "Chelsea Greatest Dad Apron" for £25.

Premier League winners Manchester City had a beach towel for £20, with a mug available for £8.

Everton, Brighton Crystal Palace were the only top-flight clubs not to have a Father's Day offering.



DEAL: Apron

Boot put in on women

YOUNG female footballers say they continue to face a barrage of sexist abuse, including being told to "get back in the kitchen".

A group of teenagers, who play in Birmingham, claimed they were often "mocked and belittled".

Bournville star Lara, 17, added: "When I was posting on social media, the comments would be like, 'Women are rubbish'.

"It makes me feel like there's no point."

A survey by Her Game Too found 91.9% had seen sexist abuse online aimed at women in football.





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SICKENER: Quatro

Suzi sea troubles

ROCKER Suzi Quatro has revealed how she gets seasick while playing on

cruise ships.

The singer, 74, whose songs include Stumblin In and Devil Gate Drive, confessed that she did not

have "sea legs".

She said that if it was not for being paid "big bucks" she would never take to the water, claiming that she even got sick on a boat moored in a harbour.

moored in a harbour.

The mum-of-two, who has sold more than 50million records, added: "I've done a couple of cruises in Europe and a couple around Australia.

"But I'm the kind of person who will

of person who will throw up in a har-bour, so for me to do a rock cruise they have to pay me really good money."



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CONK-ERED WORLD

VINOD Kumar Chaudhary, 44, broke his own record by typing the alphabet with his nose in just 25.66sec in New Delhi, India.





It's neigh to riding lessons

MIKE Tindall won't let his wife Zara teach him to ride horses.

The ex-rugby player thinks he would be a "tough student" so doesn't want the equestrian, who is Princess Anne's daughter, to get him on horseback.

Asked if he's learned to

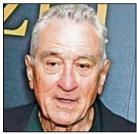
ride since joining the Royal Family, Mike said: "No. It would be a bit like asking Zara to learn to play rugby.

"I think we'd argue if she was trying to teach me to ride - and I would proba-

bly be a tough student."

Despite Zara's background, Mike said their lives aren't glamorous.

Asked about the most un-royal thing they do, he replied: "Picking up horse poo. We have three dogs, three kids and horses, so there's a lot of poo in my



COMEDY: Robert

De Niro laughs off role

ROBERT De Niro blames himself for not knowing enough about comedy to pull off an Academy award-winning role.

The Raging Bull and Taxi Driver actor, 80, starred in and started filming the never-finished 1970s film

Bogart Slept Here. The script was later revamped into the 1977 film The Goodbye Girl, which earned Richard Dreyfuss, now 76, an Oscar.

De Niro said his director Mike Nichols didn't find him a comedic fit and eventually fired him.

Robert told Quentin Tarantino at New York's Tribeca Film Festival: "I blame myself. I didn't know certain things. It was a certain type of comedy... that had the timing that

would be a certain way.
"It just wasn't working."

amazing fans".

KNOCK IT OFF.

Parcel guys put mockers on romping

RANDY Brits are being disturbed mid-bonk by delivery drivers. ■ by DAVE JARVIS sex. Phone calls a were the second m

More than three in 10 couples have had to call a halt to a romp because of a knock on the door.

But parcel drops weren't the main reason for "coitus interruptus"... 50% of couples said their kids had banged

sex. Phone calls and texts were the second most common distraction, with deliveries in third spot.

A pet scratching at the bedroom door is the fourth most likely distraction

Betting site freebets.com asked 2,000 UK adults why they were having to cool it in on the bedroom door during the bedroom. Its spokesman

Tim Agnew said: "With so many parcel deliveries taking every day it's hardly surprising that massive firms like Amazon arrive just at the wrong time.

"Whether it is that early morning delivery slot or later in the evening, delivery firms seem to be interrupting the sex life of the nation.



OH SHEET: Couples can't relax





Surge in drowning

THE number of children drowning has doubled in three years as fewer learn how to swim.

Forty-one kids died last year and up to 125 over the past four years.

Prof Carl Heneghan, of Oxford Uni, warned: "If we cannot teach people to swim properly we have a problem."

WEE WILLIES WOE

TWO men who said their willies shrank after meeting a stranger were arrested when a mob attacked him in Ada Kasseh, Ghana.







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could re us a of idea ING DECODED

THE latest Artificial Intelligence breakthrough is truly barking... it could work out what dogs say.

Software trained to understand people is being adapted to decipher barks and distinguish between play and aggression.

Rafa Mihalcea, from the University of Michigan, said: "This is the first time techniques optimised for human speech have been built upon to help with the decoding of animal communication."

The AI model could even use woofs to determine a dog's age, breed and sex.

The tech breakthrough comes

after a link up with the National Institute of Astrophysics, Optics and Electronics

Institute in Mexico. Boffins had previously struggled to develop ΑI an model for animal

■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

noises because of a lack of public data. Researchers say that animal vocalisations are more difficult to record as they either need to be done in the wild or with the permission of owners.

Last month, the Daily Star told how the search is already on for a reallife Dr Dolittle.

Tel Aviv University in Israel is

offering an £8million prize to someone who can work out how to talk to animals, possibly using AI.





STEPHEN Merchant took three wallets on a night out in case he got mugged.

The 49-year-old, left, carried two fakes to hand to thieves in London.

But the actor's plan was

He told US talkshow host Seth Meyers: "They were walking away and I was like, 'Do you want a wallet?"

derailed when they asked

for his phone instead.



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CAPTAIN CHARLI EYES YACHT SPOT

HER new album may be winning plaudits all over the world but Charli XCX is preoccupied with landing a spot on her fave reality show.

Back with Brat this week, she is trying to impress Below Deck star Fraser Olender. Charli's "obsessed" with the series and tried to slide into his Instagram DMs.

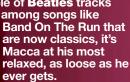
She laughed: "Three hours later he responded and was like 'hey' and I was like 'FRASER RESPONDED!' Like I've never lost my s*** before."
Charli, who even looked at starring

in an episode as one of the guests onboard, added: "You actually have to pay to go, and so my thing is like, 'do enough people watch Below Deck?



PAUL McCARTNEY/ One hand clapping ★★★

AN odd new album from Macca, here's the first official release 50 years late for an album by his old band Wings, which was recorded live for a still-unreleased TV documentary. / documentary. Tackling a couple of **Beatles** tracks



Some big daft fun that's deserving of a warm ripple of applause.

Becky belief

BECKY Hill is on a mission to make as many records as she possibly can.

Her second LP Believe Me Now? just crashed the Top 10, but at Forest Live in Cheshire she told me: "My aspiration is to make eight albums.

'I'm an album artist, and dance music is just as credible as any other genre for albums."



JAMES CABOOTER'S

SHE'S playing in front of 80,000 at Wembley today, but **Meghan Trainor** is nervous about anyone getting too close.
Back with new LP Timeless,
the US belle, inset, is one of the
stars of Capital's Summertime
Ball but admitted: "I'm terrified
of stalkers. I've not
had problems before, but let's not start now."

ne rules or Hawley

SHEFFIELD AT HEART OF RICHARD'S MUSIC



DUA Lipa's Radical Optimism LP will get a major boost from Glastonbury later this month.

The Londoner's first headline set at Worthy Farm is expected to increase her profile significantly and her team responded by filming a new video. Earlier this

week Dua shot a vid for fourth single Falling Forever in Budapest for release straight after Glasto.

She wowed with two nights at Nîmes' Roman amphitheatre in the south of France this week where she told fans: "Vous êtes chaud" ["You're hot"].

Sheffield а institution and no matter how successful he gets, Richard Hawley will never quit his home.

The troubadour's latest album In This City They Call You Love is another love letter to the place, which he prefers to "the American nothingness' of other cities.

Hawley explained: "My family lived in this city for centuries. We are men-tioned the Domesday Book. I don't know how to say it better - I

love this place. "This city is my muse. I don't know what it's like to live in New York, Paris, Bangladesh, Poland, Australia or Thailand. But I know what it's like to live in Sheffield.

"It's about writing on subjects you know. And that you love. The landscape in which we live keeps disappearing. Especially in England. "Every place becomes the same as anywhere else.

"In many of the places we visit, we see the same huge Starbucks. It's as if they transformed it into this kind of big American nothingness, devoid of personality, original and love. I don't like it. originality

"Ruskin, the famous writer, described Sheffield as 'an ugly picture in a beautiful frame.' He

> countryside surrounding the town. But even the horrible buildings built just after the war, as they age I find them beautiful."

spoke of trees and

Hawley is constantly referencing Sheffield in lyrics and the track People is like an A-Z of his childhood landmarks.

"There are loads of them. It's almost a reference by line. Even people from there won't spot them all."

Hawley plays Norwich tonight and his UK tour continues next week.

GENE Simmons reckons he makes more money playing solo than in KISS.

The shock rockers hung up their face paint last year but bassist Simmons, inset, is now performing as the Gene Simmons Band, and it's a lot less costly.

He explained: "I show up with my guitar pick. That's it. Everything is provided by the promoter. And I literally make more money per gig being Gene

more money per gig being Gene Simmons than I did in KISS because you don't have a 60-man crew, three double deckers, private jet that's on call seven days a week..."



FUMING: Campbell

Naomi's so sniffy

MODEL Naomi Campbell is fuming after getting hay fever for the first time - at the age of 54.

The catwalk queen said her nose has been "itch-

ing" like mad.

The mum-of-two said: "I don't know what's hap-pened. I've never had hay fever before in my life, but I've developed it now. I don't have time to be ill."

PYTHON HORROR

A MISSING mum, 45, was found dead inside a 23ft python whose bulging belly raised suspicion in



WOOD you stay here? This award-winning open-air tree shower, and a slide. It also features pad with all the uninterrupted views of enchanting Dorset woodland near Holditch. It was featured on C4's George features of a luxury hotel can be rented for £495 per night. The Woodman's Treehouse boasts sensational decks, sauna and copper hot tub, a BBQ, pizza oven, hammock, an Spaces. Book at hostunusual.com

Whip your dabber out

SWINGERS' NAKED BINGO FUN



THERE'LL be more than legs eleven on show when swingers play naked bingo.

Couples will strip off for an X-rated version of the pensioners' pastime. Organisers of the Naked Neon Bingo Night teased: "It's time to get silly. Join us for a night of naked neon bingo!"

They promise "a fun social night" adding, "nakedness is optional".

Folk who cross off a full house with their big dabber pens will win prizes.

The bare-all bash is being hosted by the Purple Mamba Club in $\check{\mathrm{N}}$ ottingham just a stone's throw from Forest's City Ground.

Regular visitors to the Purple Mamba rave about the venue. One, Laszlo

Potondi said: "A very welcoming place with a bunch of lovely people.

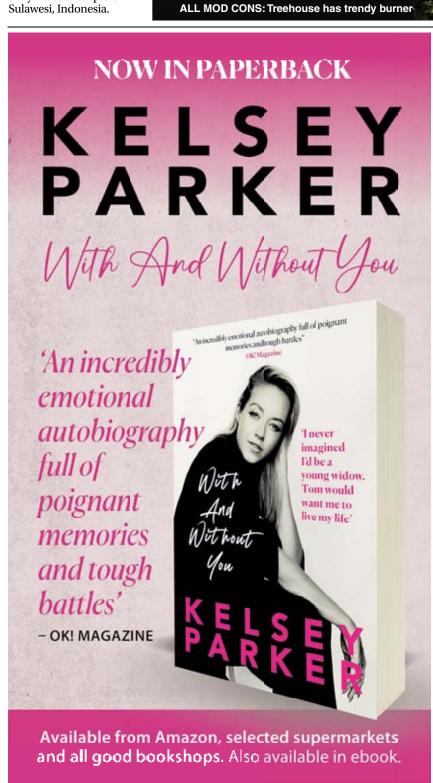
"Well equipped and clean, can't wait for my next visit."

While Suzanne Soy added: "Cosy mood lighting, comfy areas to chat, nice ambience, the pictures on the website are accurate.

"The perfect place for a chat with naughty people, and when everyone's mood and when consent aligns, a bit ore than a chat."

Tickets to the July 21 bash are £15 and the club is kitted out with private rooms, a licensed bar, dance floor and a hot tub.

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HIGH POINT: Ryder

Shaun's top gear

Mondays star Shaun Ryder once had a chauffeur-driven drugs car waiting for him after being on Top Of The Pops.

The 61-year-old said the motor even had "weighing scales" in the boot to ensure he was not being ripped off by dealers.

Asked about his former habit, which included heroin, crack cocaine, crystal meth, acid and ecstasy, he said: "I've been clean 21 years, but the public still wants to hear about the drugs, rock 'n' roll and sex.

"I'm not sure what it's like for lads in the business, but gone are the days when a car for drugs would be waiting outside the Top Of The Pops studio.

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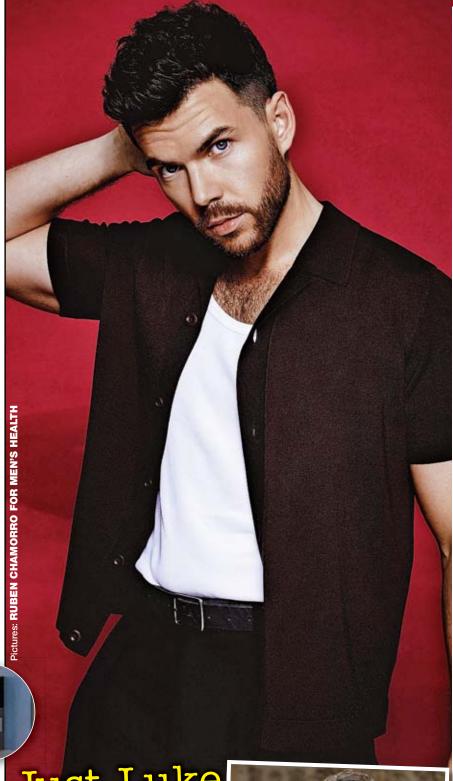
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PET cat Max was awarded an honorary "doctor of litter-ature" degree for his friendliness on university visits in Vermont, US.

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Just Luke

BRIDGERTON star Luke Newton is fitter than ever thanks to his leading man stint.
The actor, 31, told Men's Health
he bulked up for his role as Colin.
He said: "Once I started, I just He said: "Once I started, I just loved it. I'd train every day. I would wrap in the evening, get dropped off at the gym and that became my routine for resetting after the day. It gave me that extra bit of mental clarity."



Harry's warts & all debut

STAR'S LOO TRAUMA

■ by DAVID O'DORNAN

FORMER medic Harry Hill has told how a "very famous" comic asked him to "look at his genital warts".

The 59-year-old funnyman, who qualified as a doctor in 1988, quit the profession after winning the Perrier Award for Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh Fringe just four years later.

He worked as a proctologist - a "bum doctor" - at Doncaster Hospital before getting his break on BBC Radio 4's Harry Hill's Fruit Corner in 1993.

Harry said another comic asked him to look at his todger when they bumped into each other in a loo.

The TV Burp star revealed his fellow funnyman wanted him to check out his genital warts.

Fatherof-three Harry

said: "One comedian - who I won't name, but he's better known than you might think - once tried to show me his genital warts at a urinal in the Edinburgh Festival.

"I had no expertise in that area, so I refused to examine the appendage."





ADE HIT BOOZE AFTER PAY DAY

YOUNG Ones star Adrian Edmondson went on a vodka bender with his first pay cheque at just 16.

Speaking this week, the 67-year-old said he got a pay packet for changing portable gas bottles in

caravans and working in an arcade in Scarborough, North Yorks.

He said that after getting the dosh, he promptly went out and spent it all on fancy food and booze.

Asked about his first-ever

job, he said: "In the evening I'd man the booth in the penny arcade.

"This was around 1974 and I think my first week's wages amounted to nearly three quid.

"I blew it all at a Berni Inn.

I had everything, the steak and the gateau. I spent what was left on vodka and limes at the pub next door.'

But he said when he got home late he found that his worried dad Fred had "called the police".







SS1ST ATOMIC KITTEN LEGEND WAS ORIGINS: With Kerry and Liz in late 1990s. Below, Jenny Frost had joined when girls met the then Prince Charles in 2001

ATOMIC Kitten's Natasha ■ by JAMES INGHAM Hamilton felt like a "pop flop" after missing out on her dream of a solo career.

She scored three No1 singles and sold more than 10million records with the girl group.

But the singer was haunted by never having her own hit.

All that could be set to change

as the mum-of-five has just released a single, Edge Of Us, with a solo album set to follow. Natasha, 41, said: "I would have

loved to have released solo music years ago but it just never happened for me.

"I'd been a signed recording artist in a hugely successful girl-band for a long time.

"But I had to take time out for

my health and then couldn't get signed after that.

'It was devastating. I felt like I wasn't good enough anymore.

It leaves scars and makes you feel insecure.
"It's taken me a long time

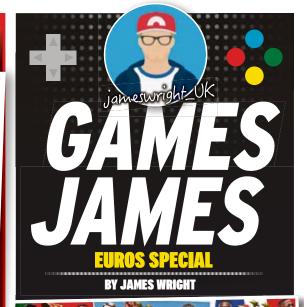
to rebuild the confidence to release my own music, but the dream never went away. It's always been itching away at me."

Natasha, Kerry Katona and Liz McClarnon were teenagers when they found fame in 1999.

They went on to become huge stars with hits including Whole Again and Eternal Flame.

. But Natasha struggled to adjust to "normal life" when the band







SINCE the Euros kicked off this week, it seems only right to dedicate today's gaming news to all things football.

For starters, EA Sports FC 24 has dropped a free update that puts players on the pitch in Germany with an immersive UEFA Euro 2024 experience. The update

mirrors authentic details of the tournament. national team kit

updates stadiums, as well as updated star heads to bring the faces of Europe's best to the international stage.

EA also simulated the entire tournament from group stage to final and determined that **England will hoist** the trophy aloft, following a triumph against host nation Germany in the

Euro 2024 final on July 14.
Assuming you're

more of an eFootball (formally Pro Evo) fan, then have no fear, because Konami has also released a slew of updates to accompany a summer of international football. Season 7: King of the **Continent is live** now, and has added a new



European Cup and American Cup campaign. The developers also have some

exciting giveaways lined up on the official eFootball X channel. Over the next few weeks they'll be hosting giveaways including England shirts signed by eFootball stars and a fullteam signed German home shirt.

It's a great time for a kickabout on your gaming platform of choice.

- A new leak suggests a Final Fantasy 9
 Remake could be in the works.
 Christian McCaffrey has been confirmed as the Madden 25 cover athlete and has made history as the first 49ers player to grace the cover.
- the cover.

 Xbox's Sea of Thieves was PS5's most downloaded game in May.

 Call of Duty fans suspect developer Treyarch has teased a remake of Black Ops 2.

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WINTER'S with STUART WINTER



Foreign visitors flourishing here

Joni Mitchell sang about the trees being uprooted and put in a museum so people could pay a dollar and half to see them.

In reality, things are the other way round. Exotic birds that should be behind the wire in zoos and wildfowl collections are flourishing in the British countryside

Mandarin ducks from China, Egyptian Geese from the African savannah and spectacular Indian peafowl are some of the non-native species that escaped captivity and are now firmly established as official breeding birds.

Undoubtedly the most successful colonist from the tropics is the ring-necked parakeet whose screeching cries ring out today from the grounds of Buckingham Palace to gardens in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Sadly, while non-native species are spreading their wings, many of our iconic birds of field and forest have a teetering

perch-hold on existence

For sheer beauty the mandarin stands out

drake

really

Numbers of nesting turtle doves have crashed by 97% since I began writing my newspaper nature column in 1994. Willow tits have declined by 90% and there are 81% fewer breeding wood warblers.

Over the same period, ring-necked parakeet numbers have soared by 2,154% and Egyptian geese by 1,835%.

Scanning the data set from the recently published UK Breeding Bird Survey Report 2023 provides an insight into the success foreign interlopers are enjoying in an environment increasingly impacted by human influences.

One look at the 119 species monitored by the BBS's small army of British Trust for Ornithology volunteers shows 42 have declined since surveying began in 1994 while 35 have increased.

You have to accept non-native species do add a dash of colour to the countryside. The brilliant greens and crimsons of the ring-necked parakeet and the smorgasbord of browns, cinnamons, greys and reds of the Egyptian goose make them standout

Yet for sheer beauty, the drake mandarin with its fluffy whiskers and orange 'sails' ranks as the fanciest duck on the water. Since the BBS began, its numbers have risen by 600% to today's estimated population of more than 4,400 pairs.

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With their striking shape and choice of colours, foxgloves look stunning

ne of my favourite sights in June is that of a bee burrowing deeply into a purple spotted foxglove flower.

It epitomises the start of summer and the grace and beauty of this native wildflower is a joy to be savoured.

A staple of cottage garden planting with its romantic and rustic appearance, it also can hold its own in the contemporary garden.

If you're planning a white area, then Digitalis var

albiflora, will add a statuesque glamour and are also a great way to brighten up a shady corner.

The native foxglove Digitalis purpurea is a biennial, meaning it takes two years to complete its lifecycle. In the first year it puts energy into root formation and a rosette of leaves. In the second year it diverts energy into sending up a spike of flowers and setting seed. The seed is fine and will blow around, settling and growing in expected spaces

with DIARMUID GAVIN



where you would never have thought to plant them.

But did you know that there are also perennial foxgloves? These you plant in one spot and they will reappear there year after year. One such is Digitalis ferruginea, the rusty foxglove. It looks similar to the classic foxglove with its rosette of leaves and flower spike, but has much smaller flowers which are a rusty brown in appearance.

While perennial foxgloves can be relatively short lived, say up to four years, I have found ferruginea flowered for me under the birch trees for many a year and is starting to spread a little as well. 'Gelber Herod' is a more dramatic cultivar of this, with bigger and more orchid-like flowers which are yellow with brown veining.

Digitalis

Digitalis lutea is also a perennial and

flowers. Also known as the small or straw foxglove, it's more compact and delicate than the traditional version, growing to around two feet in height and the flowers are like narrow trumpets.

Like their cousins, they like to grow in a humus rich soil, one that is moist but well drained. Dappled shade is best for all foxgloves and they

mingle well with other shade lovers such as hostas, hellebores and ferns.

For something a bit more showy and really good as a central "thriller" plant for your summer pots, look no further than the perennial Digitalis 'Illumination Pink'. The trumpet flowers are a zingy combination of orange pink on the

outside with a coral interior dotted with orange. It's a sterile cultivar which means it doesn't produce seed but keeps producing flowers.

It's still a bee magnet for nectar and its branch habit will produce more flowers

> Dalmatian foxgloves - these are notable for flowering in their first year and they come in a range of beautiful colours from a very soft peach, cream, white, purple and rosy pink. As the name suggests, the throats of the flowers are strongly spotted. So if you like growing from seed, this would be a good variety for

they contain digoxin which is used to treat heart conditions but should never be ingested, so bear that in mind with children and pets.

for the week

- Most houseplants are in active growth now so need regular watering and fortnightly feeding.
- Check your cabbages for butterflies laying their eggs often you will find them on the underside of leaves. Remove by hand as their baby caterpillars can completely denude your plant.
- Fruit bushes need lots of water in dry periods to allow fruit to swell. Plums, pears and apples can be thinned out this month. This happens naturally as well - it's called June drop but if you want bigger fruit, remove some of the smaller fruitlets.
- Ornamental lemon trees can vacation outdoors for the summer.
- Plant some seeds nasturtiums are easy to grow and can go straight in the ground now or into pots for a



cascade of flowers in late summer.

- Continue successional sowing of salads and sow outdoors cucumber, sweetcorn, squash, French, runner and broad beans.
- Earth up your spuds. New potatoes may be ready to harvest, depending on when planted.
- Prune spring flowering deciduous shrubs such as kerria, forsythia, ribes and weigela as soon as they finish flowering.

of the week



Verbascum Dark Lyes

This is a compact Verbascum, growing to around one foot in height. It has a central spike of cream yellow flowers with a maroon-red centre, held above crinkly green foliage. It has a long flowering period from early to late summer and is easy to maintain.

Plant in full sun and well-drained soil - Verbascum is quite drought tolerant and suitable for a dry gravel garden. It's ideal in mixed and perennial borders, or in pots and containers.

YOU ASK

Hi Diarmuid

I have a three-year-old oak tree living in a pot at the moment. I don't have space

to plant it out yet but it's sentimental and I'd like to keep it going. Any tips for me?

Thanks, Emily

Hi Emily

An oak sapling will be fine in a pot for a couple of years. You will need to

move into a bigger pot as it grows - preferably a deeper one so it can develop its root system. However, in a couple of years

as growth increases, you will

need to consider getting it into its final position as it will become too big to manoeuvre.

In the meantime, keep it watered, particularly during the summer as it could easily dry out in a small pot in hot weather.

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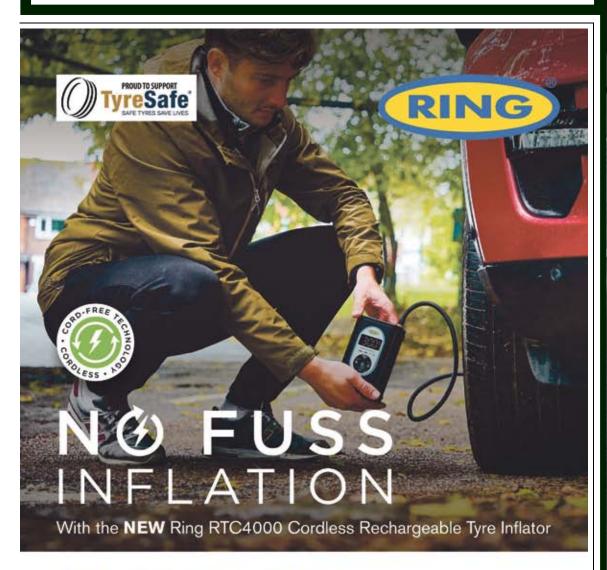
A word of caution with foxgloves

Taking orders for revamped Bayon

Hyundai has given its Bayon compact crossover a midlife facelift and upgrade. The front end changes, with new headlamp, bumper and grille designs. There are also four new paint colours including Vibrant Blue, right.

This colour can also be reflected in the interior with the same hue used on air vent surrounds, stitching and door panels. There are three trim levels, all fitted with a 1.0-litre three-cylinder engine with a manual or automatic gearbox. Prices start at £22,480 and the order books are open now.





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is gloriously nostalgic

he shadow of Battersea Power Station seems an appropriate place to be starting our test drive of the Mini eMastered by David Brown Automotive.

The renowned coachbuilder has been remanufacturing classic Minis since around 2019 but they've been powered by conventional combustion engines. Now the company, based at Silverstone, has turned its attention to electrification.

Out from under the bonnet has gone the original four-cylinder A Series engine, replaced by a 98hp electric motor and tech that controls it and deals with charging. This motor is supplied juice by a 18.8kWh battery, not much bigger than one fitted to a typical plug-in hybrid, which explains why the range is only 110 miles. But this car is very much a city vehicle anyway, and small battery equals lower weight, and the Mini eMastered tips the scales at 640kg - the same weight as the original.

David Brown Automotive takes a donor car, removes its identity or VIN number, and starts from scratch with a brand new shell from British Motor Heritage. Enthusiasts will have already spotted that the body has

More young people than ever are apparently being nicked for driving without insurance.

The numbers are frightening: 2,902 17-20-year-olds were punished in 2021, and in 2023 that number had increased

The reason is quite simple and that's the cost of insurance. Since last year premiums for 19-year-olds have risen on average by 47% to £2,435. Drivers



ged 17 have seen theirs rise 77% to £3,496. Not surprisingly, London is the most expensive area, with Northern Ireland the cheapest. Something needs



been de-seamed. This was a common modification in the day as it reduces drag and looks cleaner and more modern. I like my Minis with seams and never considered de-seaming any of the four that I owned when I was a sprog.

Not that the Mini eMastered doesn't look terrific. This is a truly bespoke car and as a customer you can specify virtually any colour you like, inside or out. Our test car's cream and gold top combo isn't to my taste but looks striking. I can't remember driving a car that's attracted more attention than this

one, certainly not in London where Lamborghinis and Bentleys outnumber black cabs.

Slip inside and you see a different world to an original Mini. At the centre of the dashboard there's a touch screen where you can connect your smartphone. Under it are nicely machined aluminium knobs, a start button and two switches that operate the electric windows. In front of the steering wheel is a trademark round speedometer and next to it several small gauges including one for battery level. All made by Smiths,

just like the originals. The steering wheel is wood rimmed, supplied by Moto Lita. It's all rather lovely.

Slip the equally tastefully made gear selector into D and off we go. There's electric power steering, which was never seen on the 60s original or even up until the car's demise in 2001. It's not necessary in such a light car but it can be adjusted to your own taste.

It was always the handling and performance of the Cooper S Minis that appealed, not the engine which was rather rough. Swapping in an electric motor works perfectly and

 $0\text{-}62mph \ in \ 8.5 \ seconds \ in \ Sport$ mode is more than adequate. As is a top speed of 92mph, which no Mini I owned could achieve. It is a joy to drive, nipping through city traffic, its handling exactly the same as a classic Mini but virtually silent.

MINI @MASTERE

And how much for this gloriously nostalgic little machine? A cool £150,000. A ridiculous amount, but making a big deal of it is like wandering along the Monaco waterfront tutting about the price of superyachts. The people who own those are the sort who'll buy the Mini eMastered. And Hollywood stars.

Price: £150,000

Engine: Electric motor

Power: 100PS

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Top speed: 92mph

0-62mph: 8.5 seconds

Range: 110 miles

For: Looks, coolness and nippiness

Against: For millionaires only Sum up: A wonderful rethink

THE E6

BYD already supplies electric buses used on London's streets and has a new double-decker called the BD11 that is set to be a familiar sight in the capital.

Now it's been revealed that the Chinese giant has an electric MPV that it is hoping will be a popular

vehicle among taxi drivers. With five seats, a tight turning circle and a range of 258 miles, it certainly sounds suitable.

There's no on-sale date or price but it's reckoned the e6 people carrier will be in the UK this summer and set you back less than £40,000.



Volvo tells us its new all-electric EX90 large SUV has just gone into production. There's not much environmentally friendly about a big SUV anyway, but Volvo is building it in Charleston, South Carolina, which means shipping cars across the Atlantic – again, not a particularly green thing to do. Deliveries will start later in the year.



Don't bother



ARCADIAN

Cert 15 ★★★
In cinemas now

onceived by screenwriter Michael Nilon during the pandemic, Arcadian is a post-apocalyptic survival thriller that imagines a deadly virus knocking humans off their pedestals, eventually giving birth to gnarled, nocturnal beasts that hunt our ravaged species under a cloak of darkness.

Director Benjamin Brewer's picture unfolds through the eyes of a stricken, close-knit family rallying together against the otherworldly predators from a fortified farmhouse stronghold.

The claustrophobic set-up is eerily reminiscent of the 2017 psychological horror It Comes At Night starring Joel Edgerton, and the climactic scenes in A Quiet Place. However, Brewer stages his slick set pieces with the volume up and suspense dialled down.

Creature design is original, melding cartoonish and grotesque elements with staccato bursts of sound created when the beasts rapidly clack their jaws before they coalesce into a giant wheel and roll en masse after fugitive prey.

A creepy centrepiece involving one digitally rendered interloper relies too heavily on crazy good fortune to withstand scrutiny of logic and plausibility.

Nicolas Cage's performances are usually the craziest element on screen but in Arcadian, the Oscar-winner is surprisingly

The Oscar winner is understated as a father

sacrificing

everything

understated and effective as a father willing to sacrifice everything to protect his offspring.

He allows young co-stars
Jaeden Martell and Maxwell
Jenkins to shine although the
script lumbers them with
occasionally clunky dialogue.

Filmed on location in Ireland, Arcadian doesn't reveal the creatures in full until we're well

into the opening hour. From that point, Brewer escalates the bloodshed, shooting predominantly on twitchy, handheld cameras to stay close to the characters.

Unfortunately, that stylistic choice reduces some fight sequences to an unintelligible blur. The aching inevitability of a final stand diminishes any deliberate plucking of heartstrings to a tickle.

SASQUATCH SUNSET

Cert 15 ★★★
In cinemas now

Sir David Attenborough has been the soothing voice of the natural history world for decades. The veteran broadcaster has witnessed many extraordinary sights on



land, in the sea and the air but it's unlikely he will have ever seen a tribe of bigfoots urinating, lactating and defecating with wild delirium to mark their territory.

Bodily fluids overflow in filmmaking brothers David and Nathan Zellner's hypnotic hike through the mist-cloaked forests of North America in the company of a ragtag tribe of human-like creatures.

Over the course of four seasons, lovingly captured by cinematographer Mike Gioulakis as if this were a documentary, a mated couple (Jesse Eisenberg, Riley Keough), an elder male (Nathan Zellner) and an energetic youngster (Christophe Zajac-Denek) contend with a predatory mountain lion, poisonous mushrooms and the ferocity of the elements.

In amusing vignettes, one bigfoot gets high by sniffing the fur of a skunk while another creates an imaginary friend from his balled-up fist. Gentle laughs are frequently undercut by stunned silence. Death comes quickly and matter of factly.

Exemplary full-body foam latex suits fashioned by creature and prosthetics designer Steve Newburn allow the cast to vanish beneath pungent pelts matted with every conceivable excretion. Answering the call of the wild is clearly exceedingly messy.



INSIDE OUT 2

Cert U ****
In cinemas now

Riley, the protagonist in Pixar's 2015 film Inside Out, returns for its sequel as a 13-year-old on the brink of puberty, and we watch as her existing Emotions – Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust – get usurped by four new, more complex feelings that wreak havoc on Headquarters.

Anxiety, played by Stranger Things' Maya Hawke, is joined by Envy, played by The Bear's Ayo Edebiri; Embarrassment, played by Black Bird's Paul Walter Hauser; and Ennui (Blue Is The Warmest Colour star Adele Exarchopoulos). Together they banish Riley's childhood Emotions and take control.

Young fans of Inside Out, now almost a decade older, will be similarly dealing with the complicated emotions that teenagehood brings, and this is a brilliant way to continue the story.

The inclusion of new emotions makes things more nuanced without sacrificing charm, and never pokes fun at Riley and her teenage confusion. Instead, it's a respectful and relatable exploration of puberty's psychological impact with some cracking jokes to boot, complete with the adventurous scale of animation that makes Pixar so beloved.

The entire film drips with charisma, immediately hooking you into its premise and keeping your attention with its glorious colours and charming characters.

ULTRAMAN: RISING

Cert PG ★★★
On Netflix now

Writer-director Shannon Tindle's high-octane computer-animated adventure adds a lustrous sheen to the superpowered Japanese character dating back to the mid-1960s. Los Angeles Dodgers baseball star Ken Sato (voiced by Christopher Sean) flies home to Japan to join the ranks of the Yomiuri Giants under hard-nosed coach Shimura (Artt Butler).

Secretly, the prodigal son has begrudgingly returned to Tokyo to take up the mantle as superhero Ultraman from his injured father (Gedde Watanabe).

During a fight between Gigantron and the Kaiju Defence Force led by scheming Dr Onda (Keone Young), Ultraman inherits Gigantron's newly hatched baby kaiju and embraces surrogate parenthood with fervour.

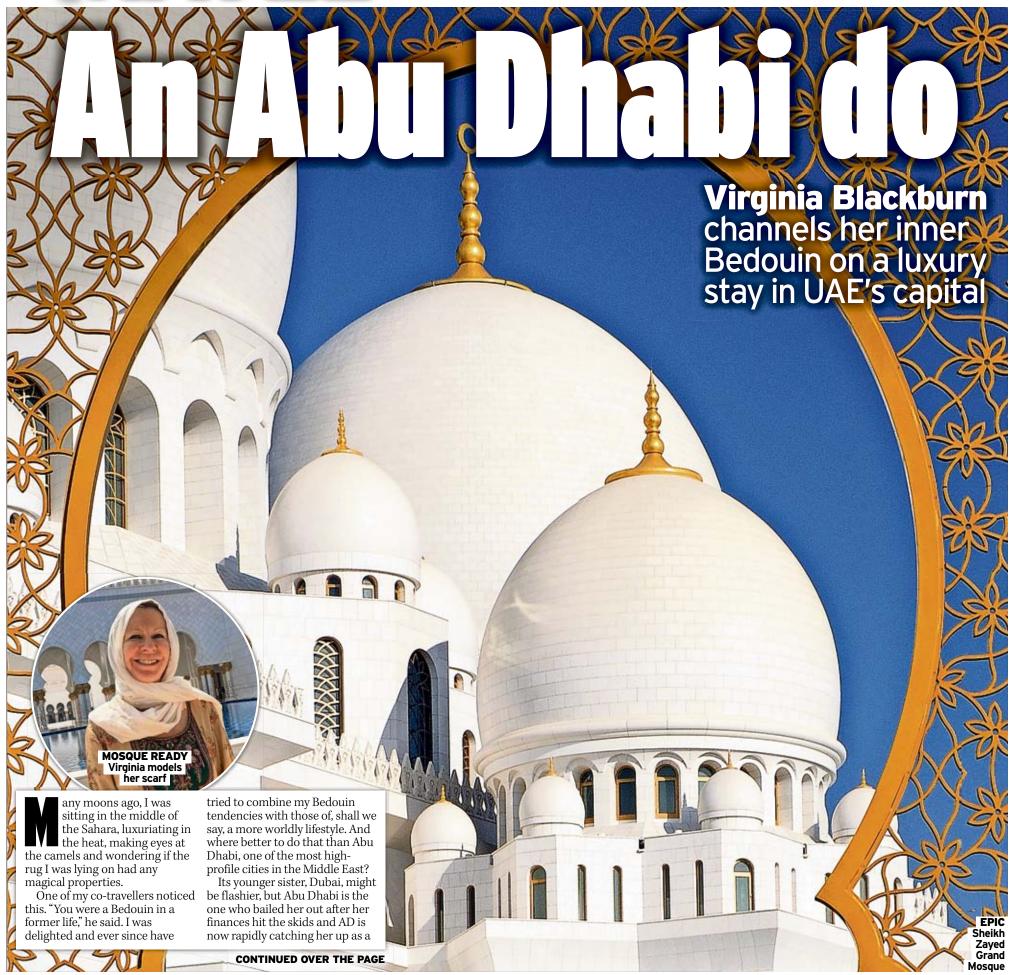
Writer and director Tindle and co-writer Marc Haimes - who previously worked together on the Oscar nominated stop motion fantasy Kubo And The Two Strings - evoke the wondrous film version of The Iron Giant with striking imagery of a giant robot protector towering over a wide-eyed child.

The Incredibles is another reference point with comical intergenerational angst punctuated by thunderous actionoriented set pieces.

Stylised visuals are crisply rendered and a tragedy laden storyline isn't overstuffed, setting up, somewhat predictably, a teaser in the end credits for a sequel.



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CRUISE NEWS

BY VICKY LISSAMAN

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BY **DAVID McDONNELL**



Titanic Spa, **Huddersfield, West Yorks**

WHERE AND WHY

Set in a restored 20th century textile mill, Titanic Spa is the perfect place to unwind. With a wide range of treatments and luxurious apartments, it is perfect for stepping off the treadmill of your daily routine.

It's situated in the village of Linthwaite in the Yorkshire Pennines a few miles from Huddersfield, and you feel a sense of relaxation as soon as you walk through the doors.

My wife and I were booked in for an overnight stay, with spa packages starting at £184 per person which includes a one-course light lunch and a two-course evening meal in a bistro serving locally sourced produce.

The package also includes access to steam and sauna rooms, an outdoor hot tub and a 15-metre, salt-regulated swimming pool. There is also a breakfast hamper.

ON THE MENU

For lunch, I chose the chicken penne pasta, served with wild mushrooms and Yorkshire blue cheese, while my wife went for porcini mushroom, cashew nut and spinach penne pasta. We both had a dessert of chocolate cheesecake. My evening main course was

braised ox cheek with creamy mash with a red wine jus, while my wife chose baked hake, topped with a black olive tapenade. The food was outstanding.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE

The 55-minute Elemis men's high

performance skin energiser facial (£99) pledges to revitalise dehydrated skin and tired eves - ideal for a jaded, middle-aged father of two. My wife chose the 55-minute deep tissue massage (£104), her masseuse tailoring the treatment to her specific needs, focusing on muscle pain and stress relief. Both of us felt revitalised and energised afterwards.

After stints in the steam room, hot tub and a swim in the pool, we returned to our room, an impressive split-level apartment that sleeps up to six people. Equipped with a kitchen, lounge, two bathrooms and a balcony overlooking the River Colne, it had everything we needed.

The spa also houses the Heat and Ice Experience, which includes an aromatherapy room, crystal steam bath, sauna cabin, foot bath, ice room and plunge pool, while there is also a mud chamber, which costs £35pp.

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tourist destination in its own right. A more sophisticated destination. too, for while Dubai (which I like) is all about the tallest building and the biggest mall, Abu Dhabi is shaping itself as the cultural hub of the UAE, understandably as it is also its capital.

But we Bedouin like our shopping and good hotels, or at least, this one does, and there's no shortage of those too. We also do not just travel by camel these days, and so it was British Airways that stood in for the magic carpet on its newly reopened route to AD, a route that had been closed for some years due to Covid.

The very welcome sunshine and heat hit you as you get off the plane. Escaping from the dreary British spring into the vibrant Middle Eastern one, which is hot but entirely manageable, makes it one of the very best times of the year to go.

Our first stop was the glamorous Jumeirah hotel at Saadiyat Island, which meant enjoying lunch overlooking the beach before heading off to the Louvre. Yes, the Louvre. Saadiyat Island is a manmade construction which will be home to some of the biggest names in museums in the world.

The Louvre, which is already up and running, and houses a collection of objects as well as paintings, designed to showcase the history of mankind, is dominated by a huge silvery dome, constructed of geometric shapes and designed to reflect the night

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Itsa Yas from me Stunning Louvre

sky. Many more museums are already there or scheduled to be opening, and one in particular will lure this traveller back to see it alone – the Guggenheim, designed by the extraordinary American architect Frank Ğehry. If the designs are anything to go by, it will be even more spectacular than the Ġuggenheim in Bilbao, and

is due to open next year, nearly 20 years after plans were first unveiled.

But it wouldn't be the UAE without a bit of fun and so the following morning it was off to Yas Island, another manmade construction that is ideal for visiting families. It houses the Yas Marina Circuit, which hosts the Formula One Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Ferrari World, Waterworld and Warner Bros, the world's largest indoor theme park - clearly, AD is not allowing Dubai to get away with all of the 'world's largest' around here.

It features various gut-churning rides, but plunging rollercoasters aren't my thing so I headed off to nearby Yas Mall.

The vast

Sheikh Zayed

Mosque can hold 40,000

worshippers

There you will find western shops alongside locals, including Ether, a department store that specialises in brands from the region. I am a shopaholic and bought a maxi dress and scarf, perfect for visiting mosques.

But it was that afternoon that my inner Bedouin really came to the fore, because it was out into the desert, for a spot of dune bashing, namely

making like a Formula One driver in the middle of the sand. About an hour out of the city, our driver stopped at a camel farm to let some of the air out of his tyres before we started our adventure, where we spotted a flock of baby camels. prompting some revolting gushing from the females present and yes, I do mean me. Show me a baby furry anything and I'm done for, although these ones were quite as capable as their parents at looking down their noses at us with undisguised contempt. Did you know that another collective noun for camels is

a "scorn"? There's a reason for that.

We weren't racing camels that afternoon, but 4x4s. "I'm going to start now," said our driver and it was as well he gave us notice because the speed at which we raced up and down those dunes would

have put the rides on Yas Island to shame.

A certain amount of screaming ensued. I was praised for my British reserve but the fact is that I was so

paralysed with fear not even a squeak could come out. But it's a great way to have fun in the desert, followed up by climbing a dune to watch the sun set, an open air feast and a show that included belly dancing and fire eating.

SPEEDY A 4x4 in the

> Not sure that these are entirely Bedouin pursuits (belly dancing comes from Egypt), but my Bedouin heart swelled.

The next day we moved to the incredibly glamorous Emirates Palace, Mandarin Oriental, a building so spectacular it's listed as a sightseeing destination in itself. It is in a huge site right at the heart of the city, beside the Qasr Al Watan, the presidential palace that opened nearly a decade ago. Made of white granite and sandstone, it is so big you may well be able to see it from space and has interiors that are, to be honest, pretty bling.

That is OK by me, because I might

be a Bedouin, but I do like my bling – think gold, everywhere, and chandeliers the size of battleships. It is open to the public, but is still used for the official purposes for which it was built. And then it was on to that other must-see, the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, which can hold more than 40,000 worshippers.

Nothing is done on a small scale in this place.

About 30 years old, its inspiration was various bits of Islamic architecture around the world and indeed, with its curving shapes and pietra dura decoration, it was slightly reminiscent of the Taj Maȟal. Remember to dress modestly (my Yas Mall purchase was just the thing) and cover your head with a scarf.

All too soon it was time to go home. The final evening started with drinks at the Emirates Palace Broadway bar. "I have one serious complaint about this place," I informed our host.

He was alarmed.

BOOK IT

British Airways Holidays offers five nights' B&B at the five-star Jumeirah Saadiyat Island resort in Abu Dhabi from £1,049pp, departing from Heathrow on selected dates in September with 23kg baggage; or five nights' room-only at the fivestar Emirates Palace, Mandarin Oriental Abu Dhabi from £1,499pp. Book by June 26. britishairways.com/abu-dhabi

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'What's that?" "We're only staying one night!" There are many restaurants to choose from: we opted for Talea, a Michelin-starred Italian eatery Reader, it was sublime. Would I go back? Yes, especially when the Guggenheim opens.

Like Dubai, Abu Dhabi is changing by the hour. For nomads like we



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A summer jaunt to a Greek island is the stuff holiday dreams are made of. Here's our guide to picking the perfect escape. By Vicky Lissaman

Best for Families -Crete

The island favourite offers a blend of natural beauty, outdoor activities, family-friendly amenities and food that everyone will love.

Pick from the many hotels geared up for families with kids' clubs and water slides like the Stella Palace Resort & Spa in Analipsi.

When you feel like venturing out there are animal attractions such as Aquaworld Aquarium and Reptile Rescue Centre in Hersonissos and Cretaquarium near Gournes.

Head into the White Mountains and hike the dream-like Samaria Gorge which, according to legend, is the birthplace of Zeus. Try crowdpleasing Cretan snacks such as kalitsounia – cheese pies drizzled with honey – and gamopilafo, an indulgent buttery risotto.

Couples - Milos

Part of the Cyclades and sitting serenely between the islands of Sifnos and Kimolos, Milos is known for its volcanic landscape, 75 beautiful beaches and geological formations.

Its villages are a maze of narrow streets and whitewashed buildings adorned with colourful flowers. Exploring by boat is a fun way to discover the island's sea caves and beaches.

Its close proximity to Santorini, Mykonos, Paros and Naxos make it an excellent base for island hopping.

And there's an array of boutique hotels across the island - perfect for a romantic getaway.

Foodies -Agistri

On the island of Agistri, in the Saronic Gulf, the waterside tavernas serving fresh-off-the-boat seafood, prepared in traditional Greek styles, are a highlight.

Island specialities include bourdeto, a spicy fish stew, kakavia, a fisherman's soup, and ladenia, a flatbread topped with tomatoes, onions, oregano and olive oil.

Breakfast is a real treat – simple yet hearty with Greek yogurt, honey, nuts, fresh bread, cheese pies and pastries. The beaches are dreamy too, from the secluded bay of Skliri and the picture perfect Mikri Dragonera,

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Families

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DELICACY

spinach pies

to the family friendly Skala and pebbled shores of Megalochori.

History and Culture -Aegina

Not far from Athens and part of the Saronic islands, Aegina is easily accessible by ferry from the port of Piraeus making it a great spot for day trips or weekend getaways. It's bursting with cultural and historical

attractions including ancient archaeological sites,

Byzantine churches and museums. You can while away the days strolling through the narrow streets of Aegina Town, around its harbour filled with colourful boats, or marvel at the wellpreserved 28-column temple, dedicated to the goddess Athena, which is older than the Parthenon in Athens.

Great Value Zante

Exploring by

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There's a huge variety of accommodation

options on Zante - or Zakynthos - and package deals to suit all budgets. Olympic Holidays offers amazing deals, with seven nights at the Athina Studios, Tsilivi, from £379 in June including flights.

Zante is known for its local produce such as olive oil, wine, honey, and its traditional sweets such as mandolato and pasteli, which are both inexpensive.

There are plenty of reasonably priced restaurants and tavernas, as well as bakeries and street food stalls.



CLASSIC

If you're keen to hit the water, the Ionian island of Kefalonia is the one for you. There's a mix of calm bays, sheltered coves and waves which make it an excellent destination for some wet and wild adventures, whatever your skill level. Lassi Beach and Makris Gialos

Beach are popular for windsurfing and kitesurfing, while Kefalonia's underwater world is teeming with marine life and dive sites.

Stand-up paddleboarding and sea kayaking are hugely popular here and are great ways to explore the coastline and access secluded beaches and sea caves.

Nightlife - los

Ios is renowned for its vibrant

nighttime scene and attracts visitors from around the world.

Clubs and bars in caves and on clifftops offer unforgettable nights in spectacular locations or you can head to the parties on the beaches, at the poolsides, or in the main square in Ios Town, also

known as Chora, which comes alive as the sun goes down.

Mylopotas and Koumbara beaches are two popular spots for dancing and drinking after-dark. By day, you can fill up your insta-feed with shots of the island's dazzling white houses, blue-domed churches, steep hills and sheer cliffs.

Hiking and Cycling Andros

The northernmost island in the Cyclades, Andros offers outdoor adventures and cultural experiences. Hiking enthusiasts will revel in the diverse landscape with its mountainous villages, fertile valleys, waterfalls and gorges, leading to secluded beaches and abandoned chapels.

The Andros Routes network of trails allows visitors to explore nature paths and stone-paved paths. Cycling is also a great way to explore the island with an extensive network of cycling routes featuring undulating trails, coastal paths and scenic lanes.

Island Hopping -Skiathos, Skopelos and Alonnisos

Island hopping in Greece is a great way to pack in the sights and the Sporades is perfect for this. Set your sights on Skiathos and Alonnisos for an idyllic island-hopping holiday, with a pause at picturesque Skopelos, the island that was catapulted to fame as the backdrop for the movie Mamma Mia! along the way.

Each island has its own character, from the dazzling beaches and bustling Old Town of Skiathos to the tranquil appeal of Alonnisos with its mountain of greenery and aquamarine



Getting away from it all - Halki

This island in the Dodecanese has a land area of just 11 square miles. Close to Rhodes, it is characterised by its simple charm and chilled vibes.

Car-free Nimborio has a pretty harbour and is the island's only inhabited village, featuring Venetianstyle houses and tiny alleyways. Its horseshoe shaped bay is lined by waterfront tavernas.

Discover some of the 360 churches, remnants of a medieval castle and Chorio, the island's ancient capital.

Off-season - Rhodes

Visit in spring or autumn for a more tranquil escape. Rhodes basks in 300 days of sun per year and you can take advantage of the milder weather if you're into walking or cycling, when the landscape is lush. Make your money go further in shoulder season as hotel prices drop significantly.

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arguably the leading stayer in training and can follow up his Monmore stakes win in heat four of the Mark Siddall Prime Beef Memorial Trophy over 712m from Alright Patricia.

Belinda Green's **BOMBOUT BULLET** (2.52) is another big-race winner on show and can shine in heat two of the Hope Jeal Sprint Trophy having impressed at Hove.

Other fancies are Kevin Boon's BETTYS

JACK (3.29) in his sprint heat, Tom Heilbron's ROMEO JACKSON (3.49) in his heat of the BGBF TruFrame Champion Stakes and his Newcastle RIOJA BUNGLE (4.26) in the same competition for Kevin Hutton.

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MAPE TOPS ROYAL ASCOT FANCIES



GIRL power looks set to rule at Royal Ascot when BLUE ROSE CEN (4.25) takes on the boys in the Prince of Wales's Stakes on Wednesday.

Currently available at double-figure price, the daughter of Churchill could be outstanding bet of the five-day Berkshire spectacular if she can return to her best form when easing to victory in the Prix de Diane last year.
You could also

argue the mare should have won both the Nassau and the Vermeille had she been given more astute rides.

With Christophe Soumillon replacing Aurelien Lemaitre and if there is enough rain to have the word 'soft' in the going description, the selection can see off the unpredictable Auguste Rodin and an even bigger danger in White Birch.

TUESDAY

SYMBOL OF HONOUR hated the undulations on his debut at Newmarket but hosed up on his second start at Lingfield, form cemented since, and he is the one to beat in the Coventry Stakes (3.05).

With two runs under his belt, he has a significant experience advantage over most of his rivals the best of which could JACOBS' Crackers FIVE-TIME NAPS TABLE CHAMP MOORESTYLE'S BEST BETS...

be Joseph O'Brien's Curragh winner Cowardofthecounty.

eye for the St James's Palace Stakes **(4.25)**. The Owen Burrows charge was drawn on the wrong side at Newmarket and raced far too freely, yet despite not being given a hard time by Jim Crowley, was still only beaten by less than five lengths. I reckon he is way too big at around the 14-1 marker.

WEDNESDAY

I love a good old-fashioned cavalry charge and the Royal Hunt Cup (5.05) is probably my favourite handicap of the

And at the likely prices I can afford to have a couple of selections with **BOPEDRO** and **PADISHAKH** set to fit the bill at double-figure prices.

The former has an exceptional record at Ascot in all the big premier handicaps over seven furlongs and a mile.

Padishakh is less obvious but his back form as a three-yearold looks too good to ignore.

THURSDAY

want to play in but the Hampton Court Stakes (5.40) looks hugely interesting thanks to SONS AND LOVERS.

Two runs over a mile this vear have served to tell me he is crying out for the extra two furlongs of this Group Three and he is my each-way play of the day.

FRIDAY

INDELIBLE really impressed me when flying home to win a really good novice at Doncaster and is thought the be graded material So off a mark in the early 90s she could prove a decent bet in the Sandringham Handicap (5.05).
In the five-furlong Palace of

Holyroode House (6.15), **DYRHOLAEY** could give us a run for our money following a game win at Newcastle.

SATURDAY

The Chesham Stakes (2.30) is always a fascinating race over seven furlongs for juveniles and I expect the extra furlong will be ideal for **MOTAWAHIJ** who was second at Hamilton on his debut. He was merely outpaced on that occasion but, as a son of American Pharoah, he should relish this trip.

The same comment should apply to **SO DEUCE** in the The Gold Cup is not a race I Golden Gates Stakes (5.40).

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11 (1)	4-32	L'EAGLE AID (16) C Johnston 8 9	A Mullen	92
12 (5)	21-0	ROMAN SECRET (11)(A) R Fahey 8 8	Joanna Mason	87
Sta	r Be	tting: 4 Too Bossy For Us, 5 Align T	he Stars, 11-2	Fox
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5(14) 54-0 INTHINSIC BOWD (2)CD,PZ,BC,SJ,M Wignam / 9... D Keenan 100 (5) 214 BALDOMERO (16)(A,S)(I) M Appleby 6 9 6 7 m Kiely-Marshall (7) 103 7 (2) 0501 HIYA MAITE (15)[D6,A,G,S] S Bowring 6 9 5 L Edmunds 102 8 (12) -031 TATTERSTALL (8)[D3,A,G] M Dods 4 9 4 C Beasley 102 9 (8) 5506 BERGERAC (14)(D3,A,G](P) K Ryan 6 9 4 T Eaves 101 10(11) 20-4 JER BATT (15)[D2,A,S] D 8 N Barron 4 9 4 C Rodriguez 101 11(17) 2323 LOOKING FOR LYNDA (15)(D3,G](P) K Burke 4 9 3 C Lee 101 12(13) 03-1 VENTURA EXPRESS (23)[D5,G] P Midgley 7 9 1 ... A Brookes (5) 102 13 (9) 0015 BURNING CASH (15)(CD,D3,G](P) P Midgley 7 9 1 ... A Brookes (5) 102 14 (16) 5020 LETHAL NYMPH (15)(A,G,S) P Midgley 5 8 12 J Fanning 97 15(10) 3-12 AMERICAN AFFAIR (14)(BF,D,G,S) J Goldie 4 8 10 Amile Waugh (5) *104 AMETICE (22)(D3 G. S)(P) T Easterby 5 8 10

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Billy Loughn
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Star Betting: 11-2 Fair Wind, 6 American Affair, 8 Looking Fo Lynda, Jer Batt, 10 Tatterstall, 12 Vintage Clarets, Intrinsic Bond Hiya Maite, 14 others. 2023: No corresponding race.

Class 4 1m 6f (15 runners)

SKY BET CLUB HANDICAP

14(10) -522 MARBUZET (14)(BF,CD,D,G,S)(B) T Easterby 5 8 5

Star Betting: 5 Dark Moon:
10 Dark Jedi, Banderas, Rathgar, Churchella,
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SKY BET ACCA FREEZE HANDICAP Class 5 3YO 5f (19 runners)

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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1.45: 1, AL SAYAH (C Hutchinson
5-4 fav); 2, Thahab Ifraj (40-1); 3, Uther
Pendragon (20-1). 3½1, 3½1, 3½1. 8 ran. N
Mulholland. Tote: £2.25; pl £1.20, £7.50,
2.30. Exacta: £52.30. Tricast: £696.39.
Trifecta: £584 20. CSF: £67.03.
2.20: 1, VIOLET LOVE (P Cosgrave
4-5 fav); 2, Miss Show Down (10-1); 3,
Havana Dance (7-2). 11, 11. 8 ran. G
Boughey. Tote: £1.80; pl £1.10, £2.50,
£1.10. Exacta: £10.10. Trifecta: £28.90.
CSF: £11.00. NR: Blue Point Express,
Kalahari Blue, Lift Lady, Skellig Isle.

CSF: x11.00. Nr. Bute Point Express, Kalahari Blue, Lift Lady, Skellig Isle. 2.55: 1, ACCRUAL (P Cosgrave 33-1); 2, Balmoral Lady (5-4 fay); 3, Felicity (9-4), shd, ½1.5 ran. D & C Kubler Tote: £35.40; pl £8.80, £1.30. Exacta: £98.20. Trifecta: £245.50. CSF: £75.86. NR. Capo

Vaticano, Caribbean Wind. 3.30: 1, FRANK THE SPARK (K O'Neill 11-4 jtfav); 2, Media Guest (11-4 O'Nelli 11-4 July; 2, Media Guest (11-4) jffav); 3, Havechatma (12-1). 3¹/4l, nk. 9 ran. P Midgley. Tote: £3.62; pl £1.20, £1.40, £3.30. Exacta: £10.00. Tricast: £1.40, £3.30. Exacta: £10.00. Tricast: £61.70. Trifecta: £82.30. CSF: £8.45. NR: Battle Point, Katar, Liberty Bay, Liberty Bay| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 5p in the pound.

ORGANIC (P Cosgrave evens 5p in the pound.
4.05: 1. ORGANIC (P Cosgrave evens fav); 2, Alvesta (5-2); 3, Tidal Storm (7-1), 4\forall 4\forall 1, 71.7 ran. G Boughey. Tote: \$2.00; p1 6.1.30, £1.60. Exacta: £3.50. Tricast: £9.62. Trifecta: £10.80. CSF. \$3.55. NR: Niloufar, Precision Storm.
4.40: 1, LENNON (P Cosgrave 15-8 fav); 2, Bramble Jelly (18-1); 3, Meet Me In Meraki (6-1). \(^{9}4\), nk. 11 ran. G Boughey. Tote: £2.88; p1 £1.40, £3.90, £1.90. Exacta: £37.50. Tricast: £180.96. Trifecta: £187.40. CSF: £36.26.

Trifecta: £187.40. CSF: £38.26.
5.15: 1, LOCAL BAY (Jack Doughty
16-5): 2, Andromedas Kingdom (3-1
fav): 3, Ower Starlight (20-1): 31, 1¹/41.10
ran. A Carroll. Tote: £4.20; pl £1.50,
£1.60, £5.80. Exacta: £13.40. Tricast:
£164.94. Trifecta: £251.70. CSF: £13.12.
NR: Cellidh, Rival. OUADPOT: £4.10 PLACEPOT: £8.60

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1.35: 1, ASKTHEBOSS (H Doyle
10-3 fav); 2, The Flying Seagull (4-1); 3,
Thecoffeepoddotco (4-1). 1³/41, shd. 10
ran. A Keatley. Tote: \$4.34; pl £1.60,
£1.60, £1.40. Exacta: £15.70. Trifecta:
£52.60. CSF: £15.80. NR: Stapleford
Park, Tactical Plan.
2.10: 1, COPPER KNIGHT (S
Kirrane 4-1 fav); 2. Dickieburd (15-2); 3,
Curious Rover (6-1). 1³/41, ³/41. 11 ran. T
Easterby. Tote: £5.00; pl £1.70, £2.50,
£2.40. Exacta: £34.10. Tricast: £184.14.
Trifecta: £237.60. CSF: £34.64.
2.45: 1, LOYAL TOUCH (J Fanning
10-1); 2, Box To Box (9-2); 3, Hosanna
Power (6-4 fav), 11, 31. 8 ran. C Johnston.
Tote: £11.00; pl £2.50, £1.40, £1.20.
Exacta: £61.10. Tricast: £1072.32. Trifecta:
£173.80. CSF: £56.10. NR: City Streak,
Desert Emperor, United Front.
3.20: 1, LOVE BILLY BOY (F Norton

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3.20: 1, LOVE BILLY BOY (F Norton 13-2); 2, Pitney (16-1); 3, Blue Prince (6-1), 9-2 faw Monfrich M, 1/41 13 ran. R Hannon. Tote: £8.30; pl £2.10, £5.40, £2.40. Exacta: £127.90. Tricast: £678.44. Trifecta: £874.10. CSF: £94.98. NR: Rundott

86/4.10. CSF: 38-98. NN: Burnett.
3.55: 1, RICH BELLEF (R Colgan 7-2
fav); 2, Wind Your Neck In (6-1); 3, Percy
Jones (15-2), nk, 6/9.1 loran, KThornton.
Tote: \$4.50; pl £1.60, £2.30, £2.20. Exacta:
£18.90. Tricast: £148.54. Trifecta:
£162.50. CSF: £24.40. NR: Byzantine

£162.50. CSF: £24.40. NR: Byzantine Empire, Haveyoumissedme, Teqany.
4.30: 1, HYPERFOCUS (S B Kirrane 33., Evocative Spark (7-1), nk, 11. 10 ran. T Easterby. Tote: £34.80; pl £8.80, £1.50, £2.40. Exacta: £133.20. Tricast: £680, £1.50, £2.40. Exacta: £133.20. Tricast: £681.81. Trifecta: £1174.90. CSF: £113.93. NR: Indian Creak, Princess Shabnam.
5.04: 1, DREAMS ADOZEN (J Fanning 5-2 av); 2, Grey Fable (13-2); 3, Time Tells All (10-3). 11, 11/41. 9 ran. C Johnston. Tote: £3.50; pl £1.40, £2.10, £1.20. Exacta: £16.90. Tricast: £53.77. Trifecta: £69.20. CSF: £18.88. NR: Richard P Smith.

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5.35: 1, EYETRAP (J Peate 9-2); 2,
Gordon Grey (10-3); 3, Oman (4-1), 3-1
fav Sax Appeal. 11/41, 71. 7 ran. J
Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £5.50; p1 £2.30,
£1.90. Exacta: £19.80. Tricast: £62.55.
Trifecta: £64.40. CSF. £18.91. NR: Polar
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Princess, She's A Novelty. QUADPOT: £25.60 PLACEPOT: £92.90

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4.17: 1, HUIT REFLETS (T Midgley 15-8 fav); 2, Kopa Kilana (9-1); 3, Foxwood (11-1). hd, 11. 10 ran. M walford. Tote: £2.88; 91 £1.30, £2.70, £3.30. Exacta: £20.10. Tricast: £147.72. Trifecta: £175.90. CSF: £19.14. NR: Monty Nevett, Toscan Genius.

Ryan mighty

But the 40-year-

old had to be at his

strongest yesterday at

Haggas-trained staver

The co-favourite at 3-1 held on by a short-head in the Sky

Bet Race To The Ebor Grand Cup, before 6-1

chance

James's Delight made

a mockery of

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Macmillan Sprint

"James's Delight is

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strongly-run race and unfolded nicely," said Moore, whose mount

could make a quick

the Wokingham.

return on Saturday in

horse. It was a

Tyres Supporting

York aboard William

Klondike.

RELENTLESS Ryan
Moore twice hit the target at York to approach Royal Ascot in flying form.

Britain's top jockey has a choice book of rides - including **Gold Cup market** leader Kyprios - when the showpiece event of Flat racing gets under way on Tuesday.

In Frankie Dettori's absence, the sportsman and his principal employer Aidan O'Brien top the charts for most winners there.

Moore (above), just 2-5 with Bet365 to be leading jockey for an 11th time, has raced to a 47 per cent strike rate in the past fortnight.

CSF: £439.73. NR: Goodoldbill.
6.00: 1, STYLISH RECRUIT (R
Mania 20-1); 2, Famous Liss (16-1); 3, If
You Let Me (4-6 fav). nk, 2l. 14 ran. A M
Thomson. Tote: £21.20; pl £3.40, £3.80,
£1.10. Exacta: £356.70. Trifecta:
£1088.20. CSF: £289.95.

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6.30: 1, KINGSTON BRIDGE (Craig Nichol 5-1); 2, Imperial Data (7-2); 3, Accidental Rebel (50-1). 7-4 fav Hartur D'oudairies nk, 161. 9 ran. Ewan Whillans. Tote: £6.40; pl £1.90, £1.60, £11.20. Exacta: £27.30. Tricast: £784.46. Trifecta: £942.40. CSF: £23.28.

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7.00: 1, DINOMS (Craig Nichol 16-1);
2, Shantou Moon (9-1); 3, Minniemum
(4-1), 5-2 fav Swallows Song. 101, 3'4.0.
10 ran, B Ellison. Tote £17.00; p1 4.0.
£2.40, £1.80. Exacta: £175.80. Tricast:
£689.99. Trifecta: £659.50. CSF: £144.81.
NR: Cooper's Cross.

QUADPOT: £1,446.10 PLACEPOT: £5,276.70

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5.17: 1, CELEBORN (Billy Loughnane 5-4 fav); 2, Metro Dubai (8-1); 3, Baylando (33-1), 1½1, ½3. 10 fan. G Boughey. Tote: £2.5; pl £1.10, £2.40, £6.00. Exacta: £13.20. Trifecta: £221.30. CSF: £11.91. 5.48: 1, FEARLESS FREDDY (L Edmunds 4-6 fav); 2, Timefall (2-1); 3, Jack Andrea (33-1). 2½41, 41. 8 ran. W Muir & C Grassick. Tote: £1.67; pl £1.10, £1.20, £4.70. Exacta: £2.40. Trifecta: £22.30. CSF: £2.12. NR: Corriamo. 6.18: 1, SIEMPRE ARTURO (Dylan

£22.30. CSF: £2.12. NR: Corriamo.
6.18: 1. StEMPRE ARTURO (Dylan
Hogan 7-2); 2. Giselles Defence (2-1
fav); 3. Royal Dream (8-1). 1¹/41, ¹/41, ¹/81.
8an. D & C Kubler, Töte: £4.5c); £1.60,
£1.30, £2.00. Exacta: £12.00. Tricast:
£50.45. Trifecta: £74.60. CSF: £10.95.
NR: Tiger Beetle.

CSF: £439.73. NI

4.52: 1, GOING MOBILE (J England 5-1); 2, Dream Jet (9-1); 3, Kicksaftersix (12-1). 10-3 fav Jet Patrol. 51, 2½1. 10 ran. S England. Tote: £6.00; pl £1.80, £2.80, £3.50. Exacta: £50.00. Tricast: £512.18. Trifecta: £409.20. CSF: £46.71. £512.18. Trifecta: £409.20. CSF: £46.71.
5.27: 1. BRFAKDANCE KID (S
Coltherd 25-1); 2, So Be It (22-1); 3,
Muroor (80-1). 16-5 fav Ribeye. 141, shd.
13 ran. W. Coltherd. Tote: £28.10; pl
£6.00, £6.50, £18.80. Exacta: £622.00.
Tricast: £35178.70. Trifecta: Not won.
CSF: £439.73. NR: Goodoldbill.

6.53: 1, THREE DONS (Molly Gunn 13-2); 2, Chicago Gal (10-1); 3, Dubai Immo (4-1), 3-1 jtfav Basilette, 3-1 jtfav Camacho Man. 1³/4l, 1³/4l. 11 ran. A Carroll. Tote: £7.90; pl £2.20, £3.00, £1.30. Exacta: £63.80. Tricast: £297.51. Trifecta: £336.90. CSF: £70.11. NR: Ship To Shore. 7.25: 1, MUTAMANNI (Billy Loughnane 2-1 fav); 2, Winged Messenger (7-2); 3, Stash The Cash (5-2). nk, 2³/4l. 5 ran. G Boughey. Tote: £3.00; pl £1.50, £1.90. Exacta: £63.30. Trifecta: £16.70. CSF: £8.78. NR: Master Of My Fate. 8.00: 1, SUB THIRTEEN (W Carson 1-2); 2, Carlton And Co (9-1); 3, Gentle Ellen (6-1). 3-1 fav Shark Two One. ³/4l. nk. 11 ran. A Carroll. Tote: £6.50; ½l. nk. 21.10, £2.50, £2.10. Exacta: £49.40. Tricast: £251.77. Trifecta: £309.70. CSF: £54.33. NR: El Montejean, Rusheen Boy, The Cola Kid.

SANDOWN

1.30: 1, PRINCE ERIC (W Buick 9-1);
2, Mr Monaco (18-5); 3, Into Battle (2-1 fav). 11, shd. 7 ran. J Ferguson. Tote: £10.00; pl £4.00; £2.30. Exacta: £38.60. Tricast: £90.72. Trifecta: £130.70. CSF: £40.73. NR: Jayyash, Von Baer.
2.05: 1, TWO TEMPTING (David Egan 12-1); 2, Classic (16-1); 3, Dual Identity (9-2 fav). nk, hd. 15 ran. J Portman. Tote: £14.20; pl £3.80, £5.20, £2.20. Exacta: £248.50. Tricast: £1030.88. Trifecta: £2270.90. CSF: £187.89. NR: Hiromichi.
2.40: 1, ADAAY IN DEVON (S De

E187.89. NR: Hiromichi.
2.40: 1, ADAAY IN DEVON (S De Sousa 11-8 fay); 2, Flora Of Bermuda (5-1); 3, Nighteyes (5-1), hd, 11. 7 ran. B Millman. Tote: £2.38; pl £2.70, £1.30. Exacta: £3.40. Trifecta: £31.70. CSF: £7.66. NR: Graceful Thunder.
3.15: 1, SPANISH BLAZE (K Shoemark 9-1); 2, Quatre Bras (18-1); 3, Mount Teide (6-5 fay) 11, 11. 9 ran. M Tregoning. Tote: £10.40; pl £2.60, £4.90, £1.10. Exacta: £197.60. Tricest: £333.79. Trifecta: £570.10. CSF: £156.02. NR: Robbo, Swindon.
3.50: 1, PRAGHE II Gillican 40. 1). 2

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3.50: 1, PRAGUE (J Gilligan 40-1); 2, Mutaawid (12-1); 3, Chorus (6-4 fav). 41, ½1. 13 ran. D Cunha. Tote: £41.00; pl £7.60, £2.70, £1.20. Exacta: £705.70. Trifecta: £3031.00. CSF: £449.03. NR: Desperate Dan, Kingdom Of Stars.
4.25: 1, ASTEVERDI (T Marquand

74. 7 ran. Alice Haynes. Tote: £7.00; pl £3.30, £3.60. Exacta: £50.30. Tricast: £453.13. Trifecta: £304.70. CSF: £53.06. NR: Get The Music On. 5.00: 1, COCO ROYALE (T Marquand 2-1 fav); 2, Saligo Bay (11-1); 3, Duke Of Verona (5-2). 5½/1, nk. 8 ran. W Haggas. Tote: £3.00; pl £1.30, £2.70, £1.40. Exacta: £22.70. Tricast: £57.03. Trifecta: £65.40. CSF: £25.39. NR: Disadedbythelioths. Dancing In Paris, .±v. CSr: £25.39. NR: dedbythelights, Dancing In Paris, Rhythmic Intent.
QUADPOT: £63.80 PLACEPOT: £656.80

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5.07: 1, BASKERVILLE (T Bellamy
9-2); 2, Don Rafael (7-2); 3, Near Dark
(10-1). 4-6 fav Jafimgoso. 2¹/21, shd. 9
ran. A King. Tote: 65.20; pl £1.60, £1.30,
£1.50. Exacta: £23.30. Trifecta: £122.80.
CSF: £22.03. NR: Hard As Nails, Reach
For The Moon.
5.40: 1, VALSAD (Paul O'Brien 4-11
fav): 2. Country. Park. (12-1): 3

5.40: 1, VALSAD (Paul O'Brien 4-11 fav); 2. Country Park (12-1); 3, Fashionelle (11-2). 6¹/2, 141. 10 ran. Harry Derham. Tote: £1.37; pl £1.10, £2.20, £1.30. Exacta: £6.70. Trifecta: £20.10. CSF: £6.94. 6.10: 1, JUST CHASING MAY (B R Jones 9-2); 2, State Of Honor (22-1); 3, Renegade Arrow (14-1). 13-8 fav We Gotta Getaway. 51, 61. 13 ran. B Pauling. Tote: £5.50; pl £1.70, £5.10, £4.40. Exacta: £104.70. Tricast: £1307.11. Trifecta: £1642.30. CSF: £103.17. NR: Milan Echo.

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Gamaiou Dunwanted Attention. 7.10: 1, GIULIETTA (H Skelton 8-15 7.10: 1, GIULIETTA (H Skelton 8-15 fav); 2, Faha Belle (15-2); 3, Turkey And Ham (10-1). 61, 2½.1. 11 ran. D Skelton. Tote: £1.54; pl £1.10, £1.60, £2.80. Exacta: £5.50. Tricast: £24.73. Trifecta: £39.30. CSF: £5.48. NR: Caughtinaspell, Milanese Rose, Of Course You Can, Shibuya Song, Stargazer Belle.
7.45: 1, OVER MILK WOOD (J Hogan 6-4 fav); 2, Rajjamataz (13-8); 3, Roll With It (11-2). 1½.1, 61.4 ran. G Hammer. Tote: £2.50; Exacta: £3.90. Trifecta: £6.90. CSF: £4.43. NR: Duke Of Luckley, Limetree Boy.

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1.50: 1, LORD MELBOURNE (Miss Serena Brotherton 9-2 fav); 2, Whimsy (7-1); 3, Gibside (17-2); 4, Baryshnikov (25-1), 2'/41, 1'/41, 71. 18 ran. R Beckett. Tote: £5.50; pl £1.90; £2.20, £2.30, £5.70. Exacta: £36.90. Tricast: £268.41. Trifecta: £266.40. CSF: £33.06. 2.25: 1, TOLSTOY (B Robinson 10-3 fav); 2, Quest For Fun (14-1); 3, New Image (11-2); 4, Stone Soldier (25-1). '/21, hd, nk. 17 ran. B Ellison. Tote: £4.34; pl £1.70; £3.30, £1.60, £6.30. Exacta: £62.90. Tricast: £273.42. Trifecta: £395.20. CSF: £49.73. NR: Bear Force One, Diamondonthehill, Mudamer. 3.00: 1, KLONDUKE (R L Moore 8-1 cofav); 2, Salt Bay (10-3); 3, Relentless Voyager (3-1 cofav). 3-1 cofav Real Dream. shd, 2'/41. 5 ran. W Haggas. Tote: £4.00; pl £1.70, £2.00. Exacta: £13.10. Trifecta: £36.60. CSF: £12.59. NR: Chesspiece.
3.35: 1, JAMES'S DELIGHT (R L

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Moore 6-1); 2, Almarada Prince (16-1);
3, Elmonjed (4-1) jffay); 4, Media
Shooter (66-1). 4-1 jffay Ziggy's Condor.
2¹/41, 11, ³/41. 17 ran. C Cox. Tote: £7.00; pl
£1.90, £3.10, £1.70, £1.190. Exact.
£96.70. Tricast: £352.43. Trifecta:
£631.20. CSF: £91.55. NR: Pocklington,
Woodhay Wonder.

Woodhay Wonder.
4.10: 1, THE STRIKIN VIKING (T Eaves 8-1); 2, Tiger Mask (3-1); 3, U Sure Do (9-4 fay), 2⁹/₄l, 1¹/₂l, 11 ran. K Ryan. Tote: £9.00; pl £2.70, £1.50, £1.30. Exacta: £43.20. Trifecta: £143.50. CSF: £31.97.

97. .45: **1, PISANELLO** (Mark Winn 1-40: 1, FISANELLO (MARK Winn IB-1); 2, Boy Douglas (9-2 jifav); 3, Mostawaa (10-1), 9-2 jifav Theme Park, 1, nk. 14 ran. D O'Meara. Tote: 222.60; pl £5.30, £2.00, £3.80, Exacta: £140.10. Tricast: £90/37.3 Trifecta: £179.3.50, CSF: £94.14, NR: Dingle, Hale End, Utilis.

\$\frac{9}{2}\$4.14. NR. Dingle, Hale End, Utilis.
\$20: 1, HOLKHAM BAY (Brandon Wilkie 11-2); 2, Dark Side Thunder (8-1); 3, Tiriac (10-3 fav); 4, Roundhay Park (28-1), 11, nk, \(\frac{9}{2}\), 42, 20 ran. W Knight. Tote \$6.60; pl \(\frac{9}{2}\), 20, \(\frac{9}{2}\), 10, \(\frac{9}{2}\), 10, \(\frac{9}{2}\), 20, Exacta: \$57.40. Tricents: £18.01. Trificets: £177.50. CSF: £47.44. NR: Abate, Rock Opera.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £10,944.23 carried over.

QUADPOT: £15.60 PLACEPOT: £60.40

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JASON HEAVEY **MOORESTYLE**

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Beach Point 3.25 Rich Harry New Charter 4.00 El Madar (nb) Ejaabiyah 4.30 Catch The Light Expert Witness 5.00 Just An Hour Taritino (nap) 5.30 Vin Rouge

AL BASTI APPRENTICE HANDICAP Class 6 3YO 7f (9 runners) £3,926

2.55 GEORGE JEFFERY MEMORIAL HANDICAP Class 5 7f (9 runners) £4,580

1 (1) 5-50 PUMALIN PARK (16)(A)(T) Sir M Stoute 4 9 11. S Osborne 84 2 (6) 3614 TWILIGHT DANCER (19)(CD,D2,G) J Portman 4 9 9

3 (8) 4-35 SATURNALIA (73)(BF,D2,A)(P) R Hughes 4 9 9

4 (7) L-00 POWERDRESS (11)(G) J Osborne 4 9 8....... W Carver (3) 82 5 (3) -330 SAYIPYOUWILL (18)(CD,D7,A,G) A Perrett 6 9 5... S M Levey ★89 6 (4) -314 BEAU JARDINE (15)(BF,C2,D,A,S)(B) R Cook & J Bridger 6 9 4 6 (4) -314 BEAU JARDINE (15)BF,C2,D,A,S)BB R Cook & J Bridger 6 9 4

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9 (2) -515 BANTRY (33)BF,D,S) JG O'Shea 5 6 ... S D Bowen (5) 83

Star Betting: 4 Beau Jardine, 9-2 Snuggle, 5 Twilight
Dancer, Saturnalia, Pumalin Park, 8 Bantry, 12 others.

3.25 LAFLINS BARBERS 'CONFINED' HANDICAP Class 5 3YO 1m (8 runners) £4,580

.....J Bryan 73

4.30 DARLEY EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES Class 2 1m 2f (9 runners) £20,616

5.00 H S LESTER CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP

Class 5 1m 2f (9 runners) £4,580 1 (3) 0-55 CROESO CYMRAEG (27)(C2,D2,A,G,S) H Evans 10 9 11

5.30 MOLSON COORS HANDICAP Class 5 1m 4f (8 runners) £4,580

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Hosaamm 3.40 Hosaamm (tb) Society Lion 4.10 Harswell Duke (e/w) Profiteer 4.40 Alicve's Impact Kurimu 5.10 Profit Street Kohana Girl 5.40 Veracidad (e/w)

2.10 SPEEDY GONZALES SAM HAY HANDICAP (DIV 1) Class 5 7f (10 runners) £4,397

Pribar's Lad, 12 Deputy, Falcon, 25 ZU Run. Pribar's Lad, 12 Deputy, Falcon, 25 ZU Run. Pribar's Lad, 12 Deputy, Falcon, 25 ZU Run. Class 5 7f (10 runners) £4,397

3.40 SUMMER SERIES 'CONFINED' NOVICE STAKES Class 5 1m 4f (12 runners) £4,320

Class 5 1m 4f (12 runners) £4,320

1/ SUNBELT (607)(S) J & T Gosden 4 10 4 ... T Heard (3) — 2 GRAZE ON PHOENIX (24) J & S Quinn 5 10 2 ... J Hart 64 HARDY BLOKE (1990) B Ellison 7 10 2 ... B Robinson — 4 SOMEBODYCOMEGET PHER (10) J Bedid 9 11 ... D Nolan 63
3-1 HOSAAMM (30)(G) Owen Burrows 3 9 9 ... S De Sousa *77
3-1 OXFORD COMMA (31)(S) Reckett 3 9 4 ... H Crouch 76
68 INNER PEACE (37)(BF)(P) C Appleby 3 9 2 ... D Costello 73
5 KINGDOM OF STARS (62) T Ward 3 9 2 ... D Muscutt 64
MR NUGGET D M Simcock 3 9 2 ... David Egan — 66 RAJA RAJA (30) D M Simcock 3 9 2 ... J P Spencer 72
4-THE KING'S GENERAL (37) & T Gosden 3 9 2 .K Shoemark 70
5 CAKEWALK (10) S & E Crisford 3 8 11 ... J F Egan 70

Star Betting: 3 Oxford Comma, 7-2 Hosaamm, 5 Inner sace, 7 Mr Nugget, 8 The King's General, Sunbelt, 12 skewalk, 14 Graze On Phoenix, 20 others.

FIVE RIVERS FOSTERING HANDICAP (RND)

Class 4 1m (16 runners) £5,832

16 (2) 1046 MICKEY MONGOOSE (18)(D,A,G) Olly Williams 4 8 4
Star Betting: 5 Ardbraccan, 11-2 Society Lion, 8 Great
Max, Abruzzo Mia, 10 On The River, Archduke Ferdinand, 12
Lady Of Arabia, City Of York, 14 others.

GRACE AND DOTTY HANDICAP
Class 6 3YO 7f (12 runners) £3,768

5.10 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP Class 6 3YO 6f (12 runners) £3,768

RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP Class 6 3YO 5f (13 runners) £3,768

Class 6 3YO 5f (13 runners) £3,768

1 (4) 50L-WARRENDALE WAGYU [172] J. & S Quinn 9 11.G. Sanna (5) 66
2 (1) 3846 MUSICAL DIWA (17)(D2,A)(V) D O'Meara 9 10 ... D Nolan 68
3 (2) 3-00 VERACIDAD [16)(B9) A McCann (IRE) 9 6... P Muthrennan 67
4 (12) 6465 TEES DOUGE (16) Adrian Micholls 9 6... P Mathres 65
5 (9) 5-L0 INVINCIBLE ROYALE (25) D Loughnane 9 6... R Dawson 48
6 (11) 66-66 STONEACRE GIRL (13)(P) Lessica Macey 94 A Sanderson (3) 66
7 (5) 60-0 DOMINANT FORCE (17)(H*1) A Carroll 9 3 ... J F Egan 60
8 (13) 003L GRID IRON MAIDEN (17) B Elison 9 1 ... B Robinson 59
9 (7) 4023 SHOWBOATED (27) N Tinkler 8 13 ... R Scott 66
10 (3) 0L63 NGHANA GIRL (17) J R Jenkins 6 11 ... S D Sousa 65
11 (10) -L04 MARCUS (17)(H,P)* C Wellis 8 11 ... O McSweeney (3) 51
11 (8) L0-0 IFONLYTHEYCUDTALK (8) T Easterby 8 11... S B Kirrane 54
Star Betting: 9-2 Showboated, 5 Kohana Girl, 6 Musical Diva, 7 Tees Douge, 8 Marcus, 10 Stoneacre Girl, Veracidad, Warrendale Wagyu, 12 others.

GREYHOUND RESULTS

CRAYFORD

CRAYFORD

2.23: Absolute Smash (4) 11-4, No Sympathy (6) 15-8 fav, bf: £9.94, tri: (4-6-5) £0.00. 2.41: Bookys Allin (4) 10-11 fav, Sleepy Seanie (6) 2-1, bf: £3.55, tri: (4-6-5) £7.37 3.01: Capel Cutie (3) 5-1, Runny Egg (1) 5-2, bf: £2.139, tri: (3-1-4) £0.00. 3.19: Olwinn Dasher (1) 6-4 fav, Runaway Sydney (4) 5-2, bf: £6.35, tri: (14-5) £0.00. 3.38: Avonside Star (2) 3-1, Capel Hunter (3) Evens fav, bf: £7.20, tri: (2-3-4) £0.00. 3.57: Solid Hegg (1) 11-8 fav, Gusty Boo (3) 7-1, bf: £13.00, tri: (1-3-6) £26.73. 4.16: Roseville Rose (1) 15-8 fav, Sleepy Blur (5) 7-1, bf: £16.90, tri: (1-3-3) £0.00. 4.34: Beckley Jojo (1) 3-1, Sussex Orchid (6) 11-1, bf: £41.38, tri: (1-6-5) £135.95. 4.53 Granree Jessie (1) 7-1, Moaning Sienna (2) 10-3, bf: £34.29, tri: (12-3) £0.00. 5.12: Mustang Beyonce (1) 10-3, Butts Legacy (4) 13-8 fav, bf: £12.14, tri: (14-6) £0.00. 5.31: Liz On Faya (2) 7-2, Mustang Frankie (5) 4-1, bf: £24.50, tri: (2-5-1) £0.00. 5.49: Trapstyle Rolex (1) 15-8, Boss Cat (4) 9-2, (dd-ht 3rd), bf: £12.11, tri: (1-4-6) £0.00, (1-4-2) £0.00.

Luna (6) 4-1, Cross Keys Maria (1) 6-5 fav, (dd-ht 3rd), bf: £11.91, tri: (6-1-4) £12.56, (6-1-3) £20.46, 12.26: Skyfall Tiktok (1) 8-1, Bathams Nectar (6) 2-1, bf: £34.24, tri: (1-6-4) £0.00, 12.42: Silverspring Sue (3) 13-8 fav, Noduff Flamingo (6) 7-2, bf: £8.97, tri: (3-6-4) £41.52, 12.59: Magical Chalky (4) 9-4, Zari Whippy (3) 3-1, bf: £11.52, tri: (4-3-6) £55.14, 1.17: Woe Lisa (6) 5-1, Killglen Sweetie (1) 3-1, bf: £25.53, tri: (6-1-3) £0.00, 1.33: Greige Oak Boy (5) 6-4 fav, Macs Me Name (2) 15-8, bf: £5.39, tri: (5-2-4) £22.87, 151: Rosshill Tina (2) 5-2 jt-fav, Farloe Bono (4) 4-1, bf: £16.60, tri: (24-4) £44.33, 2.07: Yankee Story (1) 11-2, Bengarth Blaise (5) 5-1, bf: £45.93, tri: (1-5-3) £139.18.

Athena (6) 5-1, bf: £16.11, tri: (3-6-2) £35.47. 5.18: Alnwick Martyn (3) 5-4 fay, Alnwick Toonarmy (4) 15-8, bf: £4.50, tri: (3-4-1) £23.78. 5.37: Brosna Fanca (3) 9-4, Coppiec Sassy (6) 11-8 fay, bf: £6.70, tri: (3-6-1) £13.84. 5.56: Emers Vinnie (4) 7-2, Wraysbury Lauren (6) 7-4 fay, NR: Bramble Moll (res), bf: £13.08, tri: (4-6-2) £32.76.

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on special day

boss Rohan Smith admits his players were saddened at losing on a day when they hoped to honour Rob Burrow.

Rhinos aimed to put on a show in their first game since the death of their legendary former player from motor neurone disease.

But they spluttered horribly with their worst display of the season, against a Hull side on an

11-game losing streak. Under-fire Smith said: "They're frustrated, disappointed, sad, all negative emotions."

Ăsked if some of his players may have been affected by the emotions following Burrow's death, Smith replied: "Emotions are a difficult thing, you can't measure where people are individually.

'Some people didn't know Rob, but admired him for what he did on and off the field and his battles. Others were very ■ by DAVE CRAVEN
Hull FC 18 Leeds 10

close to him, and for all those that have lost people they're close to, there is an emotional cost

"They treasured their time with him and I'm sure they wish they could have got a win for him today." Hull had only won

once in Super League all season but didn't even have to be half-decent to blast past dismal Rhinos.

Teenage winger Lewis Martin dived over on 36 minutes and with the final play of the half, Denive Balmforth darted over for their second.

Cam Scott piled on the misery after the break before Ash Handley and Harry Newman replied.

Interim Hull head coach Simon Grix finally got his first win and said: The main feeling is relief. The losses haven't been through a lack of trying.

MATT FITZPATRICK wilted in the North Carolina heat as the former champion carded a frustrating nine-over 79 in the third round of the U.S. Open.

Two years on from his dramatic win at Brookline, Fitzpatrick could not tame the Pinehurst greens. But it was his erratic

ball-striking and inability to hit the fairways that truly derailed his efforts.

Fitzpatrick struggled from the first tee of his third round yesterday, carding back-to-back bogeys on the opening two holes. The

■ by **ANDREW GAMBLE**

Sheffield native (below) then posted successive double-bogeys at 5 and 6 and added another bogey before the turn, while the back nine featured another two - including a three-

putt at 15.
The birdie-less third-round nightmare left Fitzpatrick at 14 over. When he signed for a third-round 79, the 29-year-old sat last among the 74 players remaining. But the Englishman certainly wasn't the only former US Open champion to struggle around Pinehust No. 2.

Brooks Koepka posted a one-over 71 to sit six over ahead of the final 18 holes. And World No.1 Scottie

Scheffler - who entered the tournament as the massive favourite to win barely made the cut with a one-over-par 71 that leaves him

en ended

WOODS TO FINISH MAJOR BLOW: **Tiger** Woods missed the cut TIGER WOODS confirmed that the Open Championship next month will be his last appearance in 2024 after the 15-time major champion missed the cut at the US Open.

golf will come at Royal Troon in Scotland in July.

He said: "I've only got one more tournament this

season so I'm not going to, I don't think - even if I win the British Open - I don't think I'll be in the (FedEx Cup) Playoffs. Just one more event and then I'll come back whenever I come back."

from ANDREW GAMBLE in North Carolina

ound of professional

Earlier this week Woods warned facing the infamous Pinehurst greens would be a 'war of attrition'. It was a war the three-time US Open champion ultimately here in North Carolina.

While he landed the first blow with a birdie to open his round on Thursday morning, any hopes of challenging faded towards the end of his first 18 holes.

One of the sport's most revered figures, Woods, 48, battled to the end but could not deliver on a sweltering Friday in North Carolina.

"I hit a lot of good shots that just didn't quite go my way, or I hit good putts and then I put myself in a couple bad spots with some bad lag

putts," he said.
"I thought I played well enough to be up there in contention. It just didn't work out."

Woods has now missed the cut four times in his past five starts in the US Open after only missing it once in his first 16 career starts.

But he showed fight, hitting 21 of 28 fairways and averaging a massive 314.2 yards off the tee on the fastrunning fairways.

After navigating through 14 holes in two-over par, Woods eved a birdie on 15 but his putt agonisingly lipped out. "Yeah, 15 hurt," he said. "If

I make that putt it flips the momentum."

Woods remained vague over his participation at the major going forward given he needed a special exemption from the USGA

to feature this week.

He added: "As far as my last Open Championship or US Open, I don't know what that is. It may or may not be."

Paasi pleased with tackle KO

by STEVE BRADY atalans Dragons 2 Leigh Leopards 10

ADRIAN LAM declared Leigh are "back in the game" after a statement win in France.
The Leopards coach said: "We had a tough

start to the season but performances like this

show that we can match anyone."
Prop Tom Amone scored Leigh's only try,
forcing his way over from short range. Matt
Moylan added the conversion and two
penalties to seal Catalans' fifth defeat in six.

ST HELENS' Agnatius Paasi has spoken of his delight at seeing the controversial tackle technique that crocked him finally binned. The big Tongan prop

(below) faces London today having recently made his comeback after

10 months out. He suffered major knee and ankle injuries after a tackle from Leigh captain John Asiata in last July's Challenge Cup

Although not illegal then, it has since been London v St Helens

outlawed and Paasi, 32, said: "I'm just happy they are now. Those kinds of tackles can end careers.

'Unfortunately, I was one of those who had a long spell out of the game due to it.

But I don't hold any grudges.
"And it's great
to be back. The standing ovation I got when I got on

the field, I had a teardrop in my eye. It was overwhelming.

'Now I'm looking forward to putting my best foot forward.



CHANTELLE REID thought her career was over after a debilitating

back injury in 2015. She could barely sleep due to the pain from a degenerative disc disease and the medics told her she had to quit. Boxing, however,

remained a core part of

■ by ALAN SMITH

successive Major.

her life. Both parents and her grandad run gyms and being in the corner for her younger brother Duane Jr provided too much temptation.

Heading into the second round at four-over, Woods

failed to get any breaks around the unforgiving Pinehurst No. 2.

74 to finish seven-over-par

and miss the cut for a second

Addressing his future,

Woods revealed the next

He carded 73 to add to his

So Reid (left) ditched her desk job at a Derby mortgage advice centre and in 18 months she has gone from tentative sparring to Olympic gold medal hopeful.

She said: "Going from boxing all my life to being sat in an office was a very different life. I didn't enjoy it at all. Boxing is for me. I couldn't imagine going back to that career.'

Now her full focus is on clinching gold.

"I can't wait to get to Paris," she added. "I don't really think I've got any challengers. They are all beatable.

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handful as the summer progresses.

"If Jofra stays fit this summer the fans will have plenty to look

Vaughan also believes that while England will miss Jimmy Anderson, the door is open for younger,

fresher faces.

He says: "There will be some

tears this summer watching Jimmy

for all those young bowlers to put

'There is now a great opportunity

forward to."

bowl his final overs.

their hands up."

INDIA'S final T20 World

Cup Group A match against Canada in Lauderhill, Florida was abandoned without a ball being

bowled because of a wet outfield

Both teams took one point.
India had already secured
progress to the Super Eight stage
while Canada were eliminated

ahead of yesterday's fixture following defeats to

Steve to connect

RUGBY UNION

STEVE BORTHWICK has urged his England stars to get down with the kids after their clash with Japan on Saturday was blanked by TV firms.
His duel with former

Red Roses boss Eddie Jones in Tokyo is only being shown on a website and app owned

by World Rugby.

Borthwick said: "We want to make sure we help rugby grow. The players are the ones who are going to connect with that younger age group.

HE'S NAD DONE YET Seeding

■ by NEIL SQUIRES

RAFA NADAL has hinted that he could reverse his retirement plans and play on into next year raising the possibility of a Wimbledon farewell.

The Spanish legend (right) had announced he intended to call time on his glittering career in 2024 and decided to skip the championships to concentrate on the Olympics.

But the 22-time Grand Slam champion said: "I'm giving myself time to see how I'm going to feel after the Olympic Games and then we'll see what happens, what decisions I make."

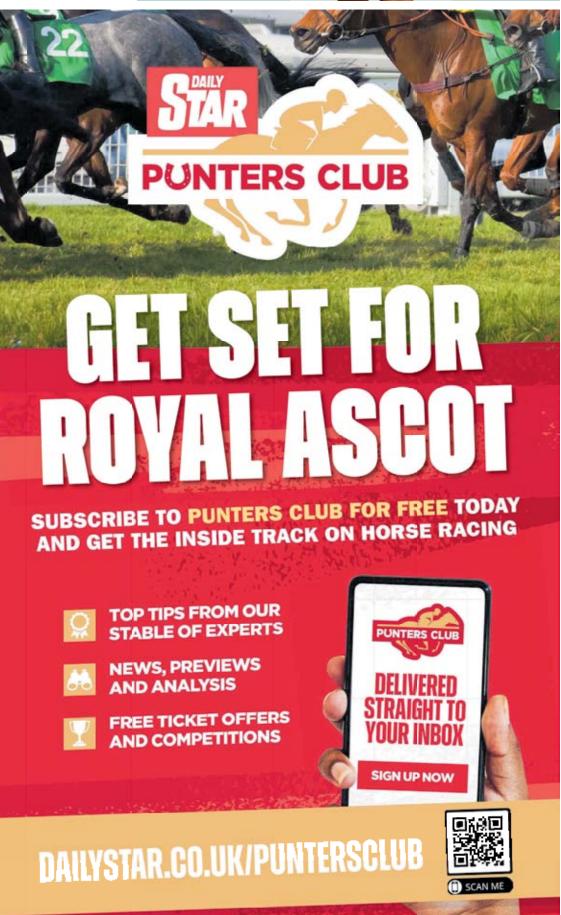
for Jack

JACK DRAPER is set to be a Wimbledon seed for the first time after sweeping into the Stuttgart Open final.

The 22-year-old beat America's Brandon Nakashima 6-3 6-3 in the semi-final.

It moved him up to a provisional career-high No.32 in the world rankings, the last spot for a Wimbledon seed.

Draper, who will be the new British No.1, faces Matteo Berrettini in today's final.



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Time for Kane to lead

The Team GB star successfully defended her European 800m title, despite struggling with illness.

ERIK TEN HAG

He hasn't had many in recent times, but the Dutchman was spared the sack by Manchester United bosses.

The England batter picked up an MBE at Windsor Castle for services to cricket.



HOISTED
ALOFT: Messi CAPTA topped the lot at the last World Cup TIME IS NIGH: Kane has to shine in his new homeland

ENGLAND boast expensive squad at the Euros.

But when it comes to Harry Kane, the Three Lions captain remains priceless.

Some people seem to think this England side now revolves around Jude Bellingham.

But forget it, because it doesn't, and never will as long as Kane is still leading from the front.

Not just because Kane is the captain, although we'll come to this later, but because he deals in the most precious

currency in football. Goals.
For some unexplainable reason, Kane remains under-appreciated in some

He's not quick enough. He isn't involved in games enough. He cons

most referees into giving him free-kicks. He's even mocked for how he talks.

> But all of the above is utter nonsense. Because England wouldn't stand a hope in hell of winning Euro 2024 without him.

> History has shown that in major tournaments, scoring machines like him define them.

Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe did

it at the last World Cup in Qatar.
Ronaldo won Brazil the World Cup back in 2002, as did Pele even further back in time.

While Diego Maradona virtually led Argentina to World Cup glory on his own in Mexico in 1986, albeit with a helping hand from himself.

These players make all the difference

- and do it on the biggest stages of all. Kane won the Golden Boot at the Russia World Cup in 2018, while some of his crucial goals led England to the final of the last Euros in 2021.

It might sound bonkers, but England would still cope if Bellingham got injured.

But if the same fate happened to Kane, Southgate would have a major problem because, with respect to Ollie Watkins and Ivan Toney, irreplaceable. He's already England's alltime record goalscorer with 63 goals in 91 appearances.

He's also the best passer in the side and rarely misses penalties.

And in his first season with Bayern Munich, he scored more league goals than he made appearances. But there is so much more to Kane than what he contributes on the pitch.

He leads by example off it, too. The ultimate professional all those younger, international novices in the squad look to follow.

He carries himself with class and distinction, is low maintenance and speaks with authority and intelligence on all subjects. A manager's dream.

Heck, he's even the best golfer in the squad as well.

So when Kane leads England into battle against Serbia in their first game of Euro 2024 in Gelsenkirchen tonight, it feels like the stars are aligned for him.

That the time has arrived for Kane to elevate himself onto that elite level.

The Bath star has been hit with a four-game ban after being sent off in his side's final defeat to Northampton.

Footage showed the former heavyweight champion collapsing outside a bar in

EDIN TERZIC Quit as Borussia Dortmund boss just weeks after leading nem to the Champion League Final, amid reports of a bust-up with star defender Mats Hummels

CARLOS ALCARAZ plans to have a tattoo of the Eiffel Tower, as a permanent reminder of winning his first French Open.

But the most significant mark Alcarez is leaving, is on the game of tennis itself.

Because at the rate he's going, the Spanish

sensation is inking his name into sporting history.

Alcaraz (right) only turned 21 last month, but has already won the US Open, Wimbledon and now the

French Open. He is the youngest man to capture Grand Slam titles on all three surfaces, and just the seventh overall.

And with his idol Rafa

Nadal ruled out of Wimbledon injured, and Novak Djokovic struggling to be fit, only an idiot would back against Alcaraz winning his second title at

SW19. With Roger Federer retired, Nadal close and Djokovic in the twilight of his own career, the sport has found its new star.







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KEVIN CAMPBELL

by CHRIS McKENNA

IT was a few years ago that Kevin Campbell was reminiscing about his famous winner at Anfield for Everton.

PREMIER LEAGUE

'I remember seeing the Blues in the Kop end celebrating the goal," said the forme Toffees striker.

'I will take that memory to my grave."

It is with great sadness that day has come all too soon for 'Super Kev' but it is one of the great memories that will also stay with Blues fans forever, too.

The news that the ex-Arsenal and Everton frontman passed away at the age of just 54 stunned football. It had emerged recently that he was seriously ill but it still hit hard when his death was confirmed.

It was a career which began at Arsenal. The Lambeth-born goalscorer would make his first-team debut in 1988 and scored eight goals in Arsenal's run to the league title in the 1990-91 season under George Graham before claiming a League Cup, FA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup with the

When he left North London in 1995, he had amassed 55 goals in 210 appearances. Campbell moved to Forest where he

suffered relegation but led them back to the top flight the following season with 23 goals.
He then took the bold move to go to

Turkey and play for Trabzonspor in 1998. It was a horrible time - he was racially abused by the club chairman, Mehmet Ali Yilmaz.
But it opened the door to a return to

England on an initial loan to Everton in March 1999. It began a love affair with the Blues that remained until he passed away.

He helped them move away from a relegation battle with nine goals in his first eight games under Walter Smith and his move was made permanent that summer.

Then came that moment in September 1999 when he scored an early goal in a heated derby which gave Everton a rare Anfield victory. It would be the last winning goal at their rivals' home until 2021.

Years later, Campbell revealed a meeting in a city centre nightspot's toilet later that evening with Steven Gerrard, who had been sent off for a nasty lunge on the Everton striker hours earlier in the game. Gerrard thought he was in bother.

Campbell dropped his trousers to show the 19-year-old Liverpool man the stud mark he'd left on his leg but he laughed it off.

"I wished him well, I was just happy we got the win and you leave those things on the pitch," he said in an interview in 2021. It was a mark of the man that there was no confrontation.

They'll never forget him on the blue half of Merseyside as he left with 51 goals after six

Campbell, whose son Tyrese played with Stoke until this summer, also had spells at West Brom and Cardiff where he retired in 2007. A career as a TV pundit followed along with running a record label.

Described by many as effervescent and a gentleman as tributes poured in after his death, he was known for being warm and humble.

'Super Kev' really was a super man as well as a fine footballer.



'devastated' by death of keeper Matija



MILLWALL have been left completely devastated" by the sudden death of their goalkeeper Matija Sarkic at the age of 26.

'Everyone at the club sends their love and condolences to Matija's family and friends at this immensely sad time," the Lions said.

Born in Grimsby to a

Montenegrin father and English mother, Sarkic (left) was on international duty when he collapsed and died after falling ill at his apartment in Budva, Montenegro, yesterday.

■ by RYAN TAYLOR

Earlier this month, Sarkic impressed for the Montenegro national team in a 2-0 defeat

against Belgium in Brussels. He had eight caps for his country.

The talented shot-stopper came through the ranks at Anderlecht before joining Aston Villa in 2015.

He also enjoyed spells with Wigan Athletic, Livingston, Wolves, Shrewsbury Town, **Birmingham City and Stoke** City among others, before

putting in some outstanding performances at The Den last

season.
The Montenegro Football Association (FSCG) described Sarkic as a "beloved member" of the national squad and an eternally smiling guy".

It added: "His untimely death has caused great pain to the Sarkic family.



TAKING OVER: Hurzeler

Prem's youngest manager just Fab

FABIAN HURZELER says Brighton's ambition was the clinching factor as he became the Premier League's youngest-ever permanent manager.

The 31-year-old Texas-born coach guided St Pauli to the Bundesliga 2 title last season by winning 20 of their 34 matches.

He will swap Germany for the South Coast this summer, after being appointed last night to take over from Roberto De Zerbi.

Hurzeler has agreed a deal through to 2027 and will start once a work permit has been granted.

"I am thrilled to be the new head coach," he said.

He had spoken to Seagulls owner Tony Bloom, technical director David Weir, deputy chairman Paul Barber and it was clear that they were highly ambitious.
He said: "The club has

a unique history and bold vision for the future, so I am truly excited to be part of the project.
"The club has made

incredible progress over the last few seasons and the aim is to continue building on that success.

"I am relishing the opportunity to coach in the Premier League, and I can't wait to meet the players, staff and, of course, the fans."

Bloom likes to think of his club as progressive and will have surprised many with his choice.

But the owner said: "From the start of the process to appoint our new head coach, Fabian was always a standout candidate and one who had caught our attention with his exceptional work at St Pauli over the past 18 months.

"He has a style of play that aligns with how we want a Brighton and Hove Albion team to play, and I'm confident it is one our supporters will appreciate

and enjoy.
"Fabian also has an excellent coaching pedigree and has worked with the German federation.'

GROUP C

<mark>SLOVENIA v DENMARK</mark>

TUTTGART ARENA, STUTTGART) TODAY, 5PM) ITV

SLOVENIA boss Matjaz Kek says he always knew Benjamin Sesko was destined for the top.

the top.
The RB Leipzig
forward comes into
Euro 2024 off the
back of seven goals
in his last seven
Bundesliga
matches after also
penning a bumper
new deal.

And Kek handed the 21-year-old his debut before Sesko became the nation's poster boy. He said of the

He said of the attacker: "He is one of the big pieces of the mosaic, just one cog in the machine.

"When he joined the national team aged 17 he showed he has the quality and attitude and positive energy that makes him deserve his place."

Hojlund tipped to edge a battle of the hotshots

DENMARK boss Kasper Hjulmand is backing Rasmus Hojlund to upstage Benjamin Sesko against Slovenia.

The two highly rated young strikers are set to go head-to-head in their Group C opener in Stuttgart today and Manchester United forward Hojlund has a point to prove.

Not only was he benched for the FA Cup final triumph over Manchester City but he has scored just one goal in his last eight games for Denmark

for Denmark.
Hjulmand
is not
concerned,
however,
and said: "It
comes in
phases as a

from RYAN TAYLOR in Stuttgart

striker. Thankfully Rasmus makes a big impression in games

impression in games.

"He always makes a
big difference so it's not
a concern and I am sure
the goals will come

the goals will come.
"Sometimes you will have to fight for the goals and sometimes they will go in every time

you shoot."
Denmark have done their homework on red-hot

Slovenian ace Sesko, who recently snubbed transfer nterest from Arsenal, Chelsea and United to sign a new deal at RB Leipzig.

Hjulmand added:
"Hojlund is a very similar player. Sesko is very fast and has a great left foot.

"He's a player we know well and have analysed a lot as he's significant for Slovenia. He's a big star and a great attacker, we are ready for him."

Christian Eriksen has

Christian Eriksen has been mocked by his team-mates for fathering Hojlund for both club and country.

The playmaker said of his compatriot: "He calls me dad because when I enter a room, they say, 'Where is your son?'.

"He has a great sense of humour, he's one person on the pitch and one person off it."



ENGLAND'S black players will be expecting racist abuse if they make a mistake at the European Championship.

Former Three Lions defender Danny Rose foresaw the torrent of abuse directed at Bukayo Saka, Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho after their penalty shootout heartache three years ago.

And he fears there will be more of

And he fears there will be more of the same if similar scenes unfold in Germany in the coming weeks.

Speaking on Reach's new Euro Thrash podcast – which you can find on YouTube, Apple and Spotify – Rose said: "Even now, I have group chats with my friends and if something happens at the weekend or whatever, and if it's a black player, the first message will be, 'Watch, I bet he gets racially abused in his DMs'.

"That is just the mentality these days, that it is the norm.
"You want the

players to focus
on winning the
trophy and not
having to worry
a bout what's
waiting for them
b a c k in the
changing room.

changing room. "We all have to ■ by **DAN BURNHAM**just work together and find a solution

on how to eradicate that."

Rose knows all too well what the trio of penalty-missers endured in 2021. Rose was one of those targeted by discriminatory chants during a Euro 2020 qualifier in Montenegro.

But that was far from his first such experience as eight years prior, a trip to today's opponents, Serbia, saw their fans throw stones and make monkey gestures at him – a harrowing experience for a player aged just 22.

Rose said: "It was tough. It was away as well, so it was hostile. I just remember we'd gone into the tunnel first and they told us that we were on their side, so we had to cross over in the tunnel and they'd be hitting us and starting then.

"The game, I think that we needed to win to qualify for the Under-21s

Championships, was a difficult one.

"It was so hostile, one of the harshest atmospheres I have ever played in.

"It was probably the first time I had experienced it. It did affect me."



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JUDE BELLINGHAM can be England's answer to Lionel Messi this summer after a stunning debut campaign for Real Madrid.

The 20-year-old bagged 23 goals in all competitions for Carlo Ancelotti's men and won La Liga and the Champions League, having signed from Borussia Dortmund only last summer.

Real handed over more than £100million for him and that move came just three seasons after the Germans coughed up £25m to draft him in from Birmingham in a deal that made him the most expensive 17-yearold ever.

And Luther Blissett, who "In Italy, noved to AC Milan from I found it moved Watford for £1m in 1983,

■ by **ALEX WOOD**

reckons Bellingham's European adventure is helping him to develop into one of the finest midfielders of his generation.

"Playing abroad gives you another insight into the game," said the former striker, who holds Watford's all-time records for appearances and goals after games and scoring 186 goals. 503

about

not giving goals away - and the Italians were brilliant at that.

"For the Spanish, it's about creativity and movement across midfield.

"Bellingham will understand that, having been an absolute star for Real Madrid last season.

"He's arguably the best attacking midfielder in the world at the moment.

"Bellingham makes goals but he scores them as well. "That's a massive threat to

any team you're playing. "He's almost like our own Messi (left) in that midfield, in the deeper-lying

attacking role. "Having a player like that in your team can be a really motivating factor too. The squad

know if he's on song you've got a good chance of beating anybody.

The biggest challenge for Southgate is making sure you've got the right blend of players around him.

Harry Kane will lead the line for the Three Lions against Serbia today.

But unlike Bellingham, the England skipper suffered a disappointing season abroad in terms of picking up silverware.

Bayern Munich failed to secure Bundesliga glory for the first time in more than a decade despite Kane bagging 36 topflight goals in 32 games.

But Blissett believes Kane will still have learned plenty of new tricks at the Allianz Arena.

"It had looked like he was

going to have an amazing season with Bayern – but it felt like the team lost its way," added Blissett, who was capped 14 times for England and scored a hat-trick on his debut.

"He still scored a lot of goals, though, and his game has developed even more. He's added a little something else to his overall play in Germany.

"Kane will come deep, so that means your wide players need to get on the opposite side.
"When I was playing with

John Barnes, if I went short, I wanted him to go the other way.
"I don't think the players are

fully aware of how great they can be. Southgate needs to tell them, 'You can do this.'

"It's not being over-confident they just need to have belief."

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Group B

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CRICKET

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Group C: Tarouba: Uganda 40
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New Zealand 41-1 (5.2 overs). New Zealand win by 9 wickets. Group D: St Vincent: South Africa 115-7 (D S Airee 3-21; K Bhurtel 4-19); Nepal 114-7 (T Shamsi

4-19). South Africa win by 1 run. T20 BLAST - NORTH GROUP—I T20 BLAST - NORTH GROUP—Not-tinghamshire v Durham (Trent Bridge): Durham 58-0 (5 overs). Nottinghamshire. No result. Notting-hamshire (1pts). Durham (1pts).

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RUGRY LEAGUE

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United Championship

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TODAY'S DIARY

Group C

Serbia v England (8pm, Live on BBC 1) Slovenia v Denmark (5pm, Live on ITV 1)

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CRICKET

ICC World Twenty20 - Group B: Pakistan v Ireland (Lauderhill, 3.30pm). T20 Blast - North Group: Derbyshire v Warwickshire (Derby, 4pm). Durham v Lancashire (Riverside, 2.30pm). Worcestershire v Northant's (New Road, Snire v Normant S (New Road, 2.30pm). Yorkshire v Leicester-shire (Headingley, 3pm). **South Group:** Kent v Gloucestershire (Canterbury, 3.30pm). Somerset v Glamorgan (Taunton, 3pm).

RUGBY LEAGUE

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Betfred Super League (3pm):
London Broncos v St Helens.
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York, Sheffield v Featherstone,
Swinton v Batley, Whitehaven v
Bradford, Widnes v Wakefield.

BARCELONA plan to buy Joao Cancelo outright from Manchester City once they off-load Spanish forward Ferran Torres to the Premier

Newcastle, West Ham, **Aston Villa and Tottenham** are among the clubs on standby after being informed Torres is up for grabs this summer. Eddie Howe's Toon

have made an initial £15million enquiry but that will not be enough to land the ex-Man City and

Valencia winger, 24. They want nearer double that amount as they attempt to raise the cash to fund a permanent £20m move for Cancelo.

SOUTHAMPTON boss Russell Martin plans to make it third time lucky and land Swansea's £10m-rated Nathan Wood.

No Dane, no gain

■ by **DARREN WITCOOP**

TOTTENHAM have given Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg the green light to leave this summer – paving the way for a £20million reunion with former Spurs boss Jose Mourinho.

New Fenerbahce coach Mourinho wants to land the Danish midfielder and beat off rival interest from Atletico Madrid.

Hojbjerg saw a move to the Spanish side collapse last summer but Atletico remain keen to revive the

NEWCASTLE, West Ham and Leicester are in hot pursuit of Iceland Wembley hero Jon Dagur Thorsteinsson, 25.

A CARLOS

■ by **RYAN TAYLOR**

NOTTINGHAM FOREST are closing in on their first signing of the summer

transfer window.
Nuno Espirito Santo's side are poised to trigger the £3.4million release clause of Corinthians' keeper Carlos Miguel, 25.

Forest have already written to the Brazilian club with their proposal.

Matt Turner will now be allowed to leave, with fellow keeper Odysseas Vlachodimos also poised to depart.

FORMER Sheffield United left-back Max Lowe, 27, has agreed a deal to join Sheffield Wednesday

EURO 2024 GR

HARRY KANE feels he is finally being recognised as one of the best strikers in the world - but he desperately wants to be known as a winner.

Kane's move to Bayern Munich last year may not have realised the glut of trophies everyone expected when he decided to quit Tottenham.

But the England captain still scored 44 goals to claim the European Golden Shoe.

And it would be ironic if the first piece of silverware he the European Championship on German soil next month.

Kane is tough enough to take on the cynics who have revelled in his failure to lift a cup in Bavaria.

He feels at the peak of his powers as England prepare for heir opening Group C their opening encounter with Serbia Gelsenkirchen this evening.

He said: "I'd say that, from an outside point of view, I'm probably now respected more as one of the top strikers in the world.

"When you're at a club like Bayern Munich, that comes if you have a great season.

similar to Real Madrid, Barcelona and all the top, top clubs around the world.

"Maybe I now have a different kind of aura.

"Nothing's really changed in how I prepare, how I go into games, and my confidence is still the same as it's been throughout my whole career.

"But maybe when you play for a club like Bayern, you get looked at in a different light.

"It's good for me, because it raises my profile and helps me to really compete to be one the best players in the world.

"People have their opinions. It's just the way football fans

"But I am extremely proud of what I have achieved in my career so far - but I also know that I want to have trophies to show for it.

"I feel like I've got many years ahead of me, I feel like I'm at a real peak in my career, and hopefully for the next four or five years that will be the case?

Kane has a record 63 goals for his country.

If he continues to find the back of the net in Germany, then Gareth Southgate's men will go close to winning the tournament.

Six years ago, he went to the World Cup in Russia insisting he could be the tournament's top goalscorer - and went home with the Golden Boot.

If anything, the 30-year-old's belief in his own ability – and those around him – continues to grow after a season that also saw Jude Bellingham, Phil Foden, Bukayo Saka and Cole Palmer excel with their respective

Kane, who will lead his country in their opening group game against Dragan Stojkovic's side tonight, said: know what I am capable of. I know what I have done year after year. There is no reason why I







squads throughout my time as an

from **SIMON MULLOCK** in Gelsenkirchen

cannot be the top scorer at this tournament.

"If we do well, I expect myself to be

"To be scoring goals means I will be helping the team. That confidence is

still there. "I'm at my peak. Not just my physical peak. It's also my mental

peak, in terms of understanding the

game, tactics and the space to run

"I am in a really comfortable place in terms of what I am capable of - but as always in these tournaments. I will be judged on goals. So hopefully I will get a few."

Kane added: "I think we're all at that stage now where we want to have a great tournament, want to make everyone proud - but we want to win.

"We've definitely had talented

England player.

"But I think what separates this one is how good everyone is playing leading up to this tournament.

"Phil was player of the year in the Premier League, Jude in La Liga, had a decent season in the Bundesliga.

"I'm excited with this squad and to be leading them is a pleasure for me. I think we all just want to get out there and get started now."



GOING DUTCH: Ten Hag

Ten Hag calls for equality

■ by SIMON MULLOCK

ERIK TEN HAG has given assurances to Sir Jim Ratcliffe that he can work with Manchester United's new chief executive and technical director - but

only as equal partners.
Ten Hag told Ratcliffe
and his INEOS Group that
he must be allowed to help shape the club's playing style and transfer policy alongside Omar Berrada and Jason Wilcox, after being informed last week that his job is safe.

The Dutchman was unimpressed to hear that United had spoken to several potential successors in the weeks since he had guided the Red Devils to a shock FA Cup final triumph over

Manchester City.
But after being told by
Ratcliffe that he would
not be sacked, Ten Hag
said he was not prepared to relinquish control when it comes to identifying potential transfer targets and making decisions on how his team will play.

He insisted he can build relationships with Wilcox and Berrada - if they treat him as an equal.

Dave is a saver

by HARRY PRATT

THE support of Sir Dave Brailsford was the crucial factor in Erik ten Hag's surprise stay of execution at Manchester United.

Without the backing of INEOS sporting director Brailsford, Ten Hag would NOT have dodged the axe.

The FA Cup final win over Manchester City gave Brailsford the opportunity to convince INEOS supremo Sir Jim Ratcliffe and the United hierarchy to stick rather than twist.

He argued they would be better off allowing the current regime to build on the success of a second piece of silverware in as many seasons.

The fact the majority of the hardcore fans shared that opinion – along with Sir Alex Ferguson enhanced the case to keep Ten Hag.



after tipping the England midfielder as a future Ballon d'Or winner.

Stojkovic, who was a superstar schemer during his own playing career, warned his team that they will have to keep a watchful eye on Bellingham when they open their Euro campaign against the Three Lions in the Veltins Arena. He reckons the 20-year-old is typical of the kind of talented technicians that Southgate has in such abundance that he has been able to leave Marcus Rashford, Jack Grealish

and Raheem Sterling at home. Stojkovic said: "Bellingham is a great boy. He's a future golden ball winner, definitely.

"It's very impressive in what he has already shown in a Real Madrid jersey He's young but so powerful. We have to be careful not to give him too much

space.
"Bellingham is already a very important player for England. It's better he doesn't play!

"Defensively we have to be very careful with him and we will have to show what we have done in

training to stop him.
"It's very impressive how he plays. He is very, very young, but he has shown some unbelievable performances.

"It is good for England and bad for us. But we will do our best to control this kind of situation.

England are overwhelming favourites to finish top of a aroup that also includes Denmark and Slovenia.

Stojkovic is even envious that Southgate has been able to overlook several players of outstanding ability.

He added: "For any national team coach it's not an easy ob to choose players and put them in the squad. But this English team is really, really talented regarding performances of (Phil) Foden, (Bukayo) Saka, Bellingham, and (Harry) Kane.

"If you leave Rashford, Sterling and

Grealish out of the squad you can see how they are strong. This job is not easy. "England will have a million different

opinions, like always. Yes, the team has changed compared to two years ago but this is a new generation of players who proved their quality in the Premier League and during qualification.
"Some of our players were not even

born the last time we participated in the Euros. We have been waiting a long time and I think we deserve it.

"It is up to us to now make the further step. What I can say to the people that love us and support us is that we are going to fight until the end."





GROUP



FRONTING UP: Kane and Southgate

Southgate Euro quest

opening group game tonight and Southgate said: "I think there is an opportunity for people to make a name for themselves.

"This is a moment in time for them and we have picked players who are in good form.

"I don't think there is any question that there is strong belief

in the group.
"We have got a balance of players who have had some really big nights together – and others who have a rawness, an energy and an excitement about them being in their first tournament.

"Both things, I think, are adding to the group.

'I said to them last night, when we had a meeting about tournaments and lessons we can take from the past, that there are things from that past we should discard.

"To have the experiences we've had are really, really important and irrelevant in equal measure. We have to go and play and get it right." Southgate

believes the innocence of youth can drive England. Crystal Palace's

Marc Guehi will be the only player in England's starting line-up in the opening group game against Serbia who hasn't experienced a World Cup or European Championship. And Jude Bellingham's influence has seen the 20-year-old become part of a four-man

leadership group.
The Real Madrid
midfielder has joined captain Harry Kane, vice-captain Kyle Walker and Declan Rice in a bid to give

players a voice. Southgate said:"I want the opinions of the four boys but also they are involved with different age groups in the squad.

"I think you want to open up that dialogue."

Tadic Kane Mitrovic Lukic Milenkovic Maksimovic S. Milinkovic-Savio V. Milinkovic-Savic

BIG CHANCE: Marc Guehi is set to start

in the centre of defence

Walker

Bellingham

Rice

Gareth takes chance n Alexander-Arnold

GARETH SOUTHGATE has confirmed that Trent Alexander-Arnold will start England's Euro 2024 opener against Serbia.

The Three Lions boss is set to ignore a warning from Wayne Rooney that Alexander-Arnold's defensive flaws will make him a liability against the best teams in the tournament if he opts to deploy the Liverpool star in midfield.

Southgate said: "Everybody is more than entitled to opinion. That's our world and we have to accept it - but then we have to go and show what we can do.

"I'm really happy. I spoke to Trent about playing in this role over a year ago. It's something he's been really keen to do.

really been receptive to feedback and every bit of information. **Pickford** We know he can Gueh

Alexander-Arnold Foder

from **SIMON MULLOCK** in Gelsenkirchen

really special player. Equally we know it's not something he's been doing for the last five years.

"There is an element of the unknown to it. But I think it's an opportunity that's worth grasping because he could be something incredibly special."

Alexander-Arnold is likely to start next to midfield anchor Declan Rice after being used as an inverted full-back by Jurgen Klopp last season.

The 25-year-old's passing accuracy and excellence in deadball situations appears to have convinced Southgate his his inclusion is a risk worth taking.

That means Phil Foden will start wide on the left despite impressing for Manchester City in a more central role, with Jude Bellingham operating behind skipper Harry Kane.

Captain Kane can't wait for Alexander-Arnold to demonstrate

his eye for a pass. Kane said: "Trent has shown his abilities over many seasons now. That's from right-back or dropping into that midfield role.

"He's got amazing delivery from wide areas, amazing vision with his passes, and I think as a striker you can only love that if you are making runs there is

someone there looking for you. You might not always get the ball but it's always important that the midfielders and the strikers have that connection where you are willing to make the runs because they have the ability to put the ball in behind."

Southgate believes he has got the balance right and that both Bellingham and Foden will have a stage to shine on.

He added: "It's less about

where they start or where they defend.

"It's about where they end up with the ball, about them having the freedom to go where they want with the ball – in the areas where they can do the most damage and be at their most productive.

"If you speak with any player that's always been the messaging from us to the team. They've always had the freedom to be

where they like to operate.

"Equally, we know it's not something he's been doing for the last five years. There is an element of the unknown to it.

"But I think it's an opportunity that's worth grasping because he could be something incredibly special. "We've

"We've got some exciting players but we can't get them all on the pitch, so we are trying to find the best balance."



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From Back Page could be his last as boss. Guardiola's current contract expires in 12 months' time and he admits he could leave the club.

But the Premier League champions will not let the six-time title winner walk away without a fight to convince him that he still has more to achieve in Manchester.

Chairman Khaldoon
Al-Mubarak has promised
to do all that he can to
persuade Guardiola to
sign an extension that
would take his reign to
beyond a decade.

City are hoping the prospect of taking his team to the expanded Club World Cup in the United States next summer will be too tantalising to resist.

Guardiola's existing

Guardiola's existing deal runs out on June 30 – just two weeks before the 32-team tournament's final is scheduled to take place.

take place.
If the 53-year-old
decides to leave, City
would have little time to
appoint his replacement
before the new domestic
season begins.

season begins.
Guardiola can name his price when it comes to contract negotiations.

But even though
Mansour is willing to give
him a handsome increase
on his current £20milliona-year deal, Guardiola will
not base his decision on
financial reasons.
The Treble winners fear

that if Guardiola decides to leave, close friend and director of football Txiki Begiristain will also quit.

Begiristain will also quit.
This would leave the club with two huge roles to fill at the same time.

to fill at the same time.
Guardiola has admitted he might find it a struggle to motivate himself after achieving so much during his eight years in Manchester.

City are also fighting
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allegations of serious
fraud charges, which
have provided a troubling
backdrop to all of
Guardiola's success.



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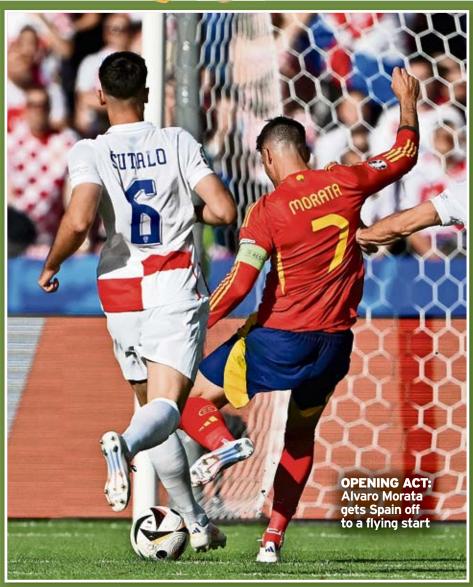
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Fabian Ruiz - Brilliant pass created the first, superb footwork and finish for the second.





TIKI-TAKA is dead. Long live tiki-taka.

Rodri told his Spain teammates ahead of their Euro 2024 opener that style no longer mattered and winning was all that was important.

And they duly battered Croatia in Berlin with the kind of physical and direct display rarely seen from them in the past 15 years.

These two are familiar foes, this being the fourth successive European Championship in which they have met.

But this is not the Spain that Luka Modric and Co remember.

In recent tournaments they have looked like a team clinging on to past glories, still trying to play the same way that brought them such great success with Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Sergio **Busquets**

Too often it has sent them home far earlier than expected, having failed to go past the last 16 in four of the last five major tournaments.

New head coach Luis de la Fuente wants his side to be less predictable, more direct and

decisive when key moments present themselves. To aid that plan

he has promoted the unpredictable and thrilling wingers Nico Williams and Lamine Yamal – Barcelona's 16-year-old prodigy, the youngest Euros player ever - into his attack, with another Barca sensation, Pedri,

But in the Olympiastadion, it was the old dogs and their new tricks that put Croatia down by half-time.

given licence to roam in midfield.

Rodri bullied his way into possession in midfield and fed Fabian Ruiz, who instead of looking to keep it going wide took one touch and slipped a cutting pass through the heart of the Croatian defence to send Alvaro Morata racing clear.

Spain captain Morata, now 31, coolly slotted past Dominik be a good thing.

By Alex Richards AT OLYMPIASTADION, BERLIN

Livakovic. For a player who has so often looked an ill-fit during what is now a 10-year international career, it was his 37th goal in 75 caps.

Two minutes later, their lead had been doubled. Ruiz, the tall, languid and largely unheralded Paris Saint-Germain midfielder started the move with a superb diagonal ball out to Yamal.

And when it was eventually worked back to him on the edge of the penalty area, he showed wonderful footwork to engineer half a yard before firing low into the bottom corner.

Croatia almost responded immediately but Unai Simon made an excellent one-handed stop to deny Marcelo Brozovic, before Lovro Majer fired the follow-up into the side netting.

Josko Gvardiol (below) fizzed an effort just wide too, as this new-look Spain showed that their new-found unpredictability extends to their game

management too.

However, in injury time at the end of the first half, they nabbed a third. Dani Carvajal

showed a poacher's instincts, meeting Yamal's inswinging cross to turn the ball in. Rodri controversially escaped

a late red card when referee Michael Oliver gave a penalty but elected to only book the Manchester City man.

Even then, Croatia couldn't take advantage.

Bruno Petkovic's penalty was saved by Simon, and while Ivan Perisic met the rebound and crossed for Petkovic to tap home, it was disallowed for encroachment by Perisic.

Certainly this Spain side do not and perhaps cannot dominate like previous incarnations.

But on this evidence, that may

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STYLE SWAPPED FOR RUTHLESSNESS





- Spain's Lamine Yamal became the first 16-year-old to play in a men's Euros tournament. He was born on July 13, 2007.
- Croatia's biggest-ever defeat was against Spain a 6-0 thrashing during the Nations League in Elche in 2018.
- This was Croatia's seventh appearance at the European Championship, having missed just one (2000) since their debut in 1996.
- Spain used 40 different players during their Euro 2024 qualifying campaign a joint-high alongside



AS TEEN YAMAL MAKES HISTORY



Fuente is thrilled by Roja's gol fiesta

SPAIN boss Luis de la Fuente warned their Euro 2024 rivals they have now seen just how dangerous his side can be.

Physically powerful and playing with a directness rarely seen in recent years, La Roja put Croatia to the sword with three goals in 16 first-half minutes as they claimed a 3-0 win in their opening group fixture in Germany.

And while De La Fuente sought to ensure calmness remains around his side, he made it clear they had laid down a marker.

"We know we can be very dangerous and that's the message we send out." said the Spanish coach.

'Our opponents know we can hurt them with possession, or positional play and now know we can hurt them on the break too.

"We have a group here with a relentless desire to improve, to keep getting better.

"But our target is still far away, so we have to keep our feet on the ground."

Special praise was reserved for player of the match Fabian Ruiz, after he scored one and made another in an outstanding display, with De La Fuente insisting the Paris Saint-Germain star's efforts typically go unsung.

"He's an exceptional player, at the top level," he declared.

"We should recognise the quality that he has. He's the embodiment of the players who have come through in the shadows."

Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic apologised to their huge travelling contingent.

Berlin was awash with Croatian fans and the majority in the Olympiastadion were wearing the Vatreni's red and white colours.

But Dalic had no excuses, saying: "I apologise for this bad show today.

"Thank you to the fans for their great support, but I apologise to them."

GROUP A



GERMANY.

.....5 SCOTLAND....1

/IRTZ 10, MUSIALA 19, HAVERTZ 45 (PEN), FULLKRUG 68, CAN 90 >> RUDIGER 87 (OG)

MCGinn: This one hurts

JOHN McGINN admits Scotland's players feel like they've let the country down after being mauled by Germany at Euro 2024.

But the Aston Villa midfielder still thinks Steve Clarke's men can recover their form to reach the knockout stage.

The Scots suffered an embarrassing 5-1 opening night defeat at the Allianz Arena in Munich on Friday.

Clarke's boys must now compose themselves before facing Switzerland in Cologne on Wednesday – where another defeat is unthinkable.

McGinn (above) knows the wave of optimism across the nation pre-tournament has been squashed by a poor display.

But he is convinced they can turn it around against the Swiss.

He said: "You see the massive support, the optimism around the whole country – and we feel like we've burst that bubble a bit.

"But we still have an opportunity to get through this group and we'll do everything we can to achieve it.

"We know we need to find our levels again over the next couple of days.

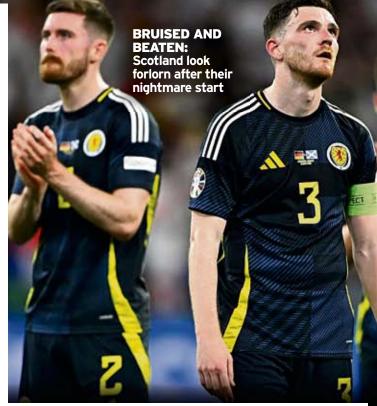
"But we can talk about it – ultimately there are a lot of us in here who need to up it.

"We know that."

McGinn is well aware Friday night's debacle was nowhere near good enough – and a long way from their quite brilliant qualifying campaign.

Defensively, Clarke's side toiled against an incredibly threatening German attack.

Scotland will now be without Ryan Porteous for the second game after his red card. While their backline will face criticism.



By Scott McDermott

McGinn admitted Scotland's forward players must start scoring again.

He said: "It's easy to talk about the goals we're losing but myself and others are now in a massive goal drought. So it kind of works both ways.

"Collectively, you can't point fingers at one or two players.

"As a group, we need to improve. We need to concede less and create more chances.

"I don't think we had a shot on Friday, which is worrying.

"But we know we can compete with these teams. We've gone

toe-to-toe with Spain and Holland recently. For a long time Scotland wasn't on the end of those types of scorelines so we need to get back to what we were doing.

"We have had bumps along the road so it's up to us now.

"The older ones in the group have to keep us going and get ready for Wednesday."

As the Scotland midfielder, who has so often been Clarke's talisman, tried to unravel their disastrous Euros start he said: "It's tough to try to speak about it but we have no choice.

"The objective on Friday night was to try to get at least a point.

"So it hurts. It still hurts now. It hurts the way it did when I lost a game like that at St Mirren.

"Your pride is dented."



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HUNGARY....1 SWITZ'LA

McFadden's Scot hope SCOTLAND still have the quality to make it out of Group A despite their embarrassing 5-1 collapse against Germany. That's the view of former assistant manager and forward James McFadden

The ex-Everton man (below) said: "They now need to show the best version of themselves, there's still hope and expectation that

Scotland can get out of the group.

"Because of the players we have there in the squad, an early exit would be a real disappointment.

"I think the players and manager would be really disappointed if we don't make it through. Because of how well

EXCLUSIVE by **RYAN TAYLOR**

the team has done in recent times, certainly in qualifying, they have to find a way of getting through."

Steve Clarke's wounded camp now have to perform against Switzerland on Wednesday in Cologne and against Hungary next Sunday in Stuttgart.

And McFadden believes Hearts striker Lawrence Shankland, 28, could be a secret weapon.

He said: "Shankland's hold-up play and link-up play has been great.

"If you give him chances you know he will score goals."

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SWISS DON'T MISS: Kwadwo **Duah celebrates** the opening goal

Duah leaper

KWADWO HAS HIS COUNTRY LEVITATING

KWADWO DUAH announced himself on the international stage as Switzerland served notice in Scotland's group.

The Ludogorets striker only made his debut for Murat Yakin's team a fortnight ago in a friendly with Estonia.

But he showed the poise of a veteran to open the scoring – even though he was wrongly flagged offside before a VAR intervention.

Michel Aebischer's classy finish gave the Swiss a 2-0 half-time lead they thoroughly deserved.

But Hungary were back in the game through Barnabas Varga on 66 minutes and threatened a second only for Breel Embolo to pounce on a mistake late on and beat Peter Gulacsi with a sublime lob for the clincher.

It was the Monaco forward's first international in 18 months and

By Neil Naismith AT COLOGNE STADIUM, COLOGNE

the goal was reward for his hard work during more than a year of horrendous injury problems.

Manager Yakin was delighted for Embolo, and said: "We knew we made the right decision to bring him. He wasn't available for the last two weeks but the decision to call him up was right.

"He makes us very calm holding the ball up." The Swiss boss was just as thrilled

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..Possession.

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Shots off target

Blocked shots

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. Offsides.

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for Duah, 27. He added: "He

is a penalty-box player and we have had the situation with Breel, but we knew we could rely on him."

Ex-Arsenal captain Granit Xhaka ran the game and was man of the match as the Swiss got their

campaign up and running in impressive style.

"We have strong competition within the squad," said skipper Xhaka. "Embolo came on and gave us stability and then, of course, scored the killer goal.

'We saw how many Swiss fans were in the stadium today and the atmosphere was fantastic.

With three points in the bag, Yakin turned his attention to their next opponent, Scotland, on Wednesday in Cologne.

He is not fooled by what happened to the Scots on Friday.

Yakin said: "It's not easy to play against Germany. Wednesday is a completely different game.

"It's important we won our first game but I wasn't so happy with our second half, so we have to play better next week."

Hungary coach Marco Rossi was bitterly disappointed and claimed his team shot themselves in the foot.

He said: "It's hard to correct the kind of mistakes that we made.

"Our players do not make mistakes like this every day."

REF: Slavko Vincic (SIV)

GROUP D



POLAND v HOLLAND

VOLKSPARKSTADION, HAMBURG) TODAY, KO 2PM) BBC ONE in May 1979.

■ Poland have not beaten Holland in their last 12 meetings, with their last win back



IT'S UP TO YOU: Mbappe with manager Deschamps

Magic Mbappe's in for the Kyl with Euros glory target

AS France faces an uncertain future after president Emmanuel Macron's call for a snap election, the future of Les Bleus has never been more certain.

This is Kylian Mbappe's team now.

At 25, the man widely considered to be the best player on the planet is comfortable in his role as captain, his long-protracted move from Paris Saint-Germain to Real Madrid is finally done and dusted - and in Germany he has only one goal.

"I want to win the Euros," he said.

"I won the World Cup. I won the Nations League. This is the only one that missed me."

After long-time leader Hugo Lloris retired from international football in the wake of the 2022 World Cup, Didier Deschamps ignored the likes of Antoine Griezmann to hand Mbappe the armband.

Some, Griezmann in particular, weren't overly happy. But the move made sense.

A once rocky relationship with some of his teammates - highlighted after their Euros failure against AUSTRIA v FRANCE
D Dusseldorf Arena, Dusseldorf Tomorrow, KO 8pm, ITV1
By ALEX RICHARDS

Switzerland in 2021, with Mbappe missing the crucial penalty in the last-16 shootout - has been smoothed over.

In the years since the team has increasingly been built to get the best out of its undoubted superstar.

What is asked of Mbappe in return is that, in the big moments when his country needs him, he steps up.

Just like he did in the World Cup Final in Qatar when he became only the second man after Geoff Hurst - to score a hat-trick in football's biggest game.

He doesn't, however, look back on that day with any particular fondness -Deschamps' side having been denied successive triumphs by Lionel Messi and Argentina.

"Of course we were hurt, to see that you're close to something," said Mbappe. "Close to the back-to-back. Something amazing.

"Everybody loved the game except for us. We didn't like that but it's part of the game."

KOEMAN'S CALL-UPS CRUCIAL TO SUCCESS

From **CHARLIE GORDON** in **Hamburg**

RONALD KOEMAN insists Holland will need their nation's support at Euro 2024 after losing Frenkie de Jong and Teun Koopmeiners to injury.

The Dutch are in a tough group with France, Austria and today's opponents Poland.

"I'm really looking forward to it," said Koeman. "It's

a great tournament. We'll have a lot of support and we'll need it."

The Netherlands boss (above)

took a pop at his former club, Barcelona in the lead-up to the Euros for "taking a risk" by playing De Jong in April's El Clasico.

The midfielder suffered an ankle injury in the game against Real Madrid and hasn't played since.

Koopmeiners then sustained a tournamentending muscle injury while warming up for a friendly against Iceland on Monday.

There was hope De Jong would make it back in time to feature in Germany but Koeman pulled the plug in time to bring two replacements on board.

lan Maatsen was one of the players selected and the Holland boss is confident he can plug the gaps.

"lan is a multifunctional player," he said. "We can fill all positions.

"We play with three midfielders and we have five in the squad.

"All the other players have already been on holiday for three weeks."

Maatsen, 22, is on the books at Chelsea but he spent the end of last season on loan at Borussia Dortmund, where he started in the Champions League final defeat to Real Madrid.

He was on holiday with his girlfriend when he discovered Koeman needed his services.

"I suddenly received a call and I just had to pack my stuff as quickly as possible and come," said Maatsen.



Simon Mullock REPORTING

JEREMIE FRIMPONG is the flying Dutchman with a Mancunian accent.

His family feel so at home in the north west of England they have never returned to the Bijlmer district of Amsterdam, where Frimpong and three of his six siblings were born.

But you can still be sure that the 23-year-old Bayer Leverkusen winger, who learned his trade in a decade spent at Manchester City's highly-rated academy, is still pure Oranje.

After playing a key role in Leverkusen's spectacular Bundesliga and German Cup double this season, Frimpong is ready to explode at the Euros when Holland face Poland in Hamburg in their opening group game today.

Frimpong said: "You could call my life turbulent.

"I have moved a lot – but it has just made my life richer.

"My mother is like every mother. She was always cautious and worrying about us. I have three brothers and three sisters and I am the middle child.

"Some were born in the Netherlands, others in Ghana.

"My youngest sister plays basketball and my brother Wesley plays in the youth team at Bolton Wanderers.

"Our father was a sprinter in Ghana who now loves tennis – and every single one of us can run fast."

Frimpong was aged eight when his family decided life would be better in the city famous for football, music and Coronation Street rather than the high tower blocks of Bijlmer.

Then he started to play the game seriously in local parks before being snapped up by the Blues. Frimpong needed some convincing to join Celtic when the Scottish giants came calling in 2019.

It was only when his agent brother Jeffrey Lemmert told him moving to Scotland would

POLAND boss Michal Probierz believes his side have what it takes to go all the way.

The 51-year-old has told his players "anything is possible" ahead of their clash with Holland, which they will go into without star player

be good for business in the long-term that he made the £300,000 switch.

AIMING HIGH:

Jeremie

He soon won the SPL title and the club's Young Player of the Year award before Leverkusen secured his signature for £10million. Frimpong said: "Glasgow seemed so far for a young player like me but I still went. When we moved to England, I soon settled in.

"The same for Scotland and now Germany. I am a strong believer in God and I am grateful for the talent I have been given."

Robert Lewandowski who has reportedly torn a leg muscle. Probierz (below) said: "When you coach a team, anything

is possible in football, so this is not just a statement. We will do everything we can to play well."



■ Belgium and Slovakia are facing each other in a competitive fixture for the first time.

GENERATION GAME

Belgians ready to put 'Golden' past behind them now



HERO HAMSIK CAN INSPIRE NEW BOYS

MAREK HAMSIK is still pulling the strings for Slovakia despite retiring from football a year ago.

The instantly recognisable midfielder with the spiky hair his country's all-time leading goalscorer and appearancemaker - was the key creative force in a side which reached the last-16 at the 2010 World Cup and Euro 2016. The former

Napoli star called time on his career at the age of 35 last summer after two years with Trabzonspor.

But such is the trust Slovakia boss Francesco Calzona has in him after they worked together at Napoli, he's with the squad in Germany in a support role.

"If I had a son I would want him to be someone like Marek because he is very humble despite his career as a champion," said Calzona.

"He is straightforward, and everyone loves him,'

On the pitch Slovakia look short on creativity but centrebacks Milan Skriniar and David Hancko could prove tough barriers to pass

MARK JONES



qualifying

Mark Jones **REPORTING**

THEIRS was supposed to be the 'Golden' Belgium generation that won it all.

From Manchester City icons to Chelsea greats, and from multi-million pound transfers to countless Champions League and Premier League titles, Belgian players have

lit up the club game over the past decade. But at international level it has been a different story.

And as Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku line up for their sixth and potentially final international tournament when they face Slovakia in Frankfurt, they might be wondering where all their old pals have gone.

The answers vary.

After his playing career Vincent Kompany has been relegated with Burnley but promoted to Bayern Munich. Eden Hazard got his dream move to Real Madrid but barely stepped foot on the Bernabeu pitch.

Even Thibaut Courtois is not in Germany despite his Champions League final appearance two weeks ago, having been deemed not fit enough to play by Belgium boss Domenico Tedesco (above).

These are players who were there when Belgium froze in defeat to Wales in the quarter-finals at Euro 2016, flattered to deceive against France in the semis of the 2018 World Cup and barely laid a glove on Italy at Wembley in the final eight of the last Euros.

Throw in a dismal group stage exit at the Qatar World Cup and it feels more olden than golden generation.

And while Belgium have been relying on Lukaku's goals, boss Tedesco says he has another important part to play.

"He plays an incredibly important role both on and off the pitch," the former Schalke boss said. "On the pitch, his goals speak for themselves but there's more to him than that.

"His importance off the pitch is undoubted because he knows lots of young players who he can become a sort of mentor to. He concerns himself with many things like this, which makes him extremely important."

Is there potentially a new golden generation on the cards? They would want to be called anything but, given what happened to the last one.



Olek: We will do it for our country

ROMANIA v UKRAINE By ADRIAN STILES

OLEKSANDR ZINCHENKO says his Ukraine team-mates will stand tall for their country as it continues to suffer due to the war against Russia.

The Arsenal left-back is one of the leaders in a squad that continues to defy the odds by staying competitive at the highest level.

They kick off Group E in Munich tomorrow against Romania, with Zinchenko promising they're ready to go.

He said: "We don't need extra motivation because we all understand this is the most challenging time for our country.

"We have fans not only watching us on TV or in the stadium but also those risking their lives to defend our freedom.

"Every time we wear the jersey with the Ukrainian emblem it is double or even triple the motivation for us."

With motivation accounted for, Zinchenko says they now have to be ready for what lies ahead in a group that will also see them play Slovakia and Belgium.

"First and foremost, we need to focus on our game and deliver our best performance, both individually and as a team," he said.

"We'll treat Romania with the same respect as we do Slovakia or Belgium.

"Evervone knows how crucial the first game is - it provides a psychological and physical boost.

'At tournaments like these you cannot afford to make too many mistakes because here we have the best national teams, the best players in Europe. They will punish you immediately.

"So we need to stay focused, show our best performance and use every opportunity to score goals."





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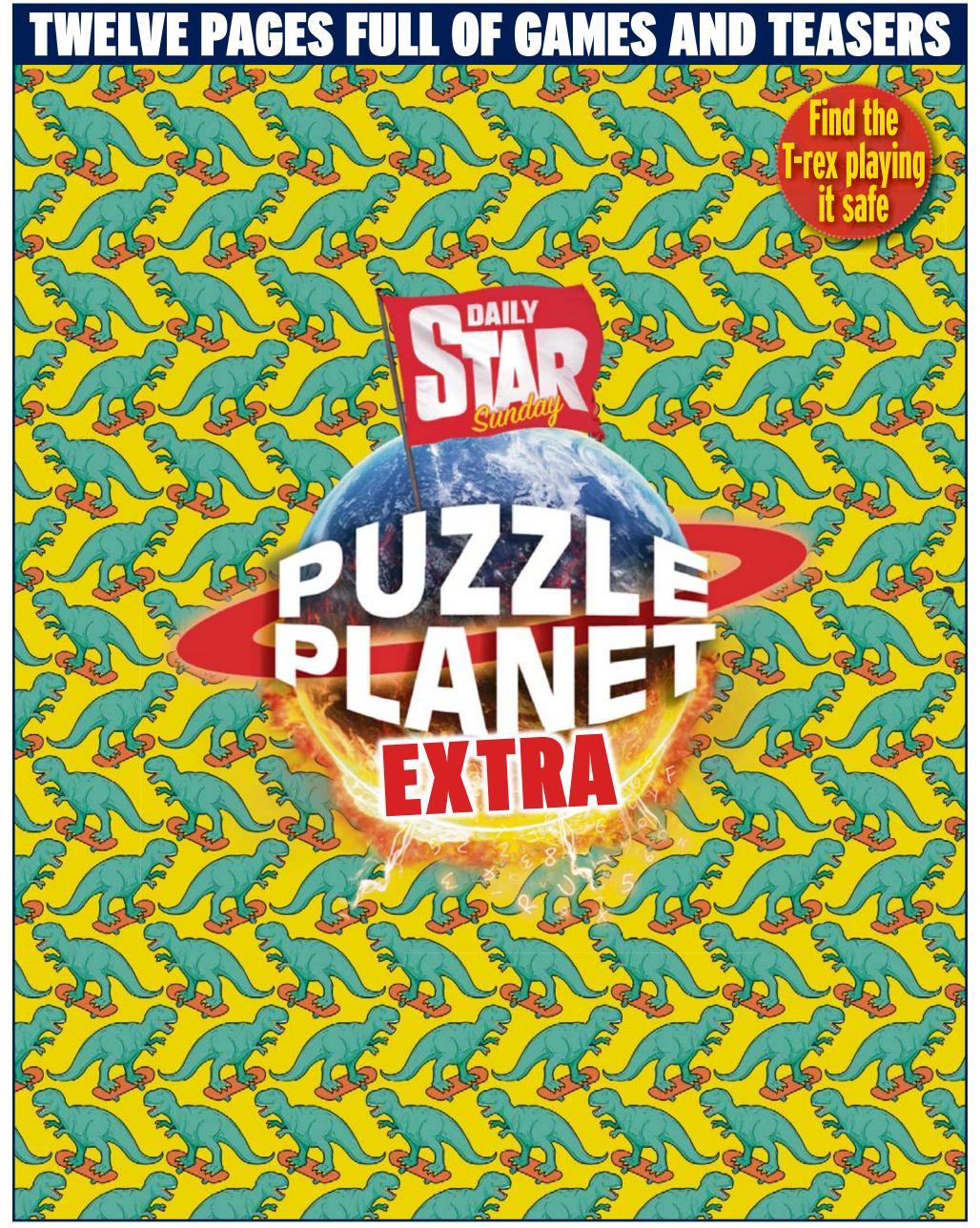
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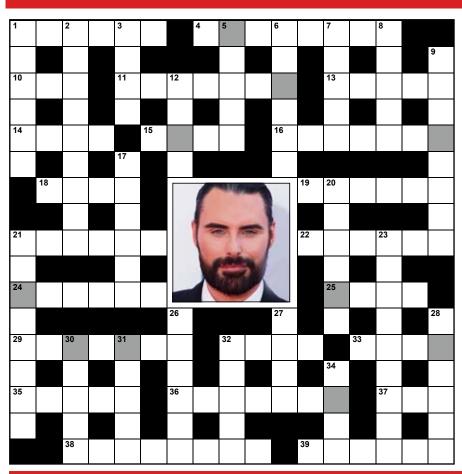






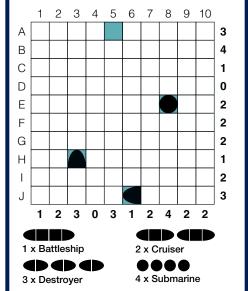








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Rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out the name of the celebrity in the centre of the grid

ACROSS

- The OC star who had a stint on Neighbours, Barton (6)
- Film in which Rowan Atkinson battles an insect (3,2,3)
- 10 & 38 Across Cartoon family created by Matt Groening (3,8)
- 11 Diminutive Academy Award winner, Dustin _ (7)
- 13 Arty British actress. Swinton (5)
- Supermodel and food writer, Sophie (4)
- 15 Khloe Kardashian's kid (4) 16 90s singer who was The One And Only, _ Hawkes (7)
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- 21 Ms Blethyn, plays TV detective Vera (6)
- **22** See 28 Down

- 24 Spanish F1 driver,
- Fernando _ (6)
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- fantasy film from 2019 (7)
- 32 See 27 Down
 33 Christian __, fashion designer subject of *The New Look* (4)
 35 Rapper Patrick Okogwu,
- aka _ Tempah (5)

 36 Simon _, former Never Mind
- The Buzzcocks host (7)
- Atomic Kitten member, McClarnon (3)
- 38 See 10 Across
- 39 British interior designer and former *Dragon*, Kelly _ (6)

DOWN

- Disgraced EastEnder Dean Wicks was played by _ _ Angelo (4,2)
- Monégasque Princess, daughter of Grace Kelly (9)
- Kathryn _, starred as evil Agatha in WandaVision (4)
- _ Lou Wood, actress in Seize Them! and Sex Education (5)
- Italian city, location of the world's oldest international film festival (6)
- Ms Midler, aka "The Divine Miss M" (5) Former world record-
- holding yachtswoman, _ MacArthur (5)
- First single released from Adele's album, 30 (4,2,2) See 32 Down
- 12 See 32 Down
 17 Norman _, played Daryl in
 The Walking Dead (6)
 20 The Royle _, comedy with
 Ricky Tomlinson (6)

- 21 Ex-husband of Angelina Jolie and Jennifer
- Aniston (4,4)
 23 The editor of *Private Eye* since 1986 (3,6)
- Greepy C4 drama about robot servants (6)
- 27 & 32 Across Music group behind Patience, Pray and Shine (4,4)
 28 & 22 Across Chilly
- subtitle of the latest Ghostbusters movie (6,6)
- 30 & 19 Across Band behind current album Can We Please Have Fun (5,2,4)

 31 British rock band known for
- the 1967 song Sunshine Of Your Love (5)
- 32 & 12 Down British boxer who lost against Oleksandr Usyk in May (5,4)
- 34 Red muppet with a squeaky

Starting from 1, fill in the grid in a clockwise direction with four-letter words. The last letter of each word becomes the first letter of the next to reveal the seven-letter keyword in the shaded boxes.

Keyword clue: A marsupial

- Ship's company
- Legal document
- Very small
- Abominable snowman
- Golf club
- Forehead

8 Compass point

- **12** 365 days
 - 13 Harvesť

Cash register

10 Young sheep 11 Infant

- 14 Chess piece
- 15 Informer
- 16 Murder

10 9 14 15 16 13 12

To hear individual answers or the full solution call 0905 789 4164.

Identify the five celebrities, take their initials and put them in the correct places in the numbered boxes. These letters will spell the name of a celebrity.















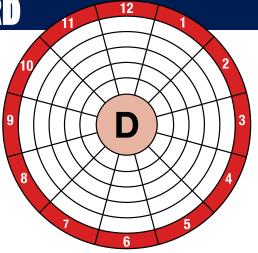
30-SECOND **MATHS TEST**

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The solutions from 1 to 12 are all sixletter words ending with the letter D in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a Country & Western legend.



- Emotionally charged
- Nut
- Spanish capital
- Technique Shouted
- Evil Gaped
- Deprived of
- feelina
- Surpass 10 Camera stand
- Filament
- 12 Puff up, like spray foam

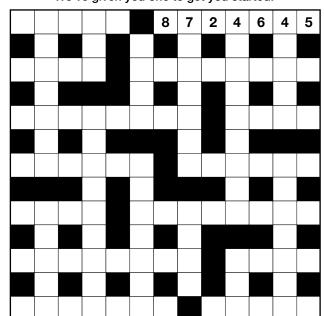
you find all of these words related to universities in the grid? Words may appear forwards, backwards or diagonally.

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Can you fit all the listed numbers into the grid? We've given you one to get you started.



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3 digits

Hidden in the grid is the name of a dog breed. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

- What type of dog is Beethoven in the film franchise of that name? Great Dane (M) Greyhound (B) St. Bernard (D)
- 2 The late Quentin Crisp is the subject of which song by Sting? They Dance Alone (D) Englishman In New York Fields Of Gold (C)
- 3 In which month is Lammas Day, which is observed in England as a Pagan harvest festival? April (M)

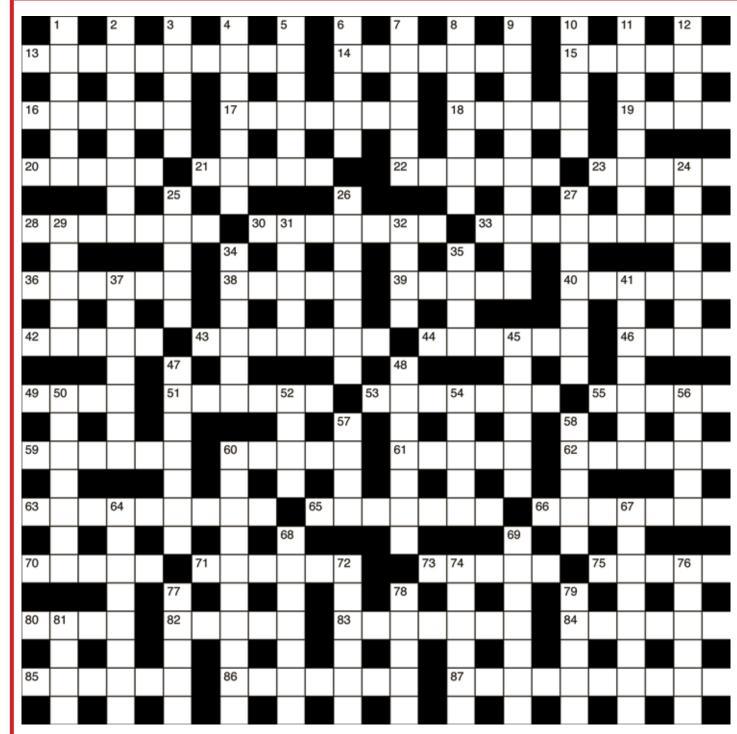
- June (O) August (H)
- 4 In which mythology was Vesta the goddess of hearth and home? Roman (N) Norse (D) Egyptian (F)
- 5 Which of Carrie's love interests did Ron Livingston play in TV's Sex And The City? Aidan Shaw (C) Jack Berger (O) Mr Big (C)
- 6 What is the maximum number of

- golf clubs allowed in a player's bag during a round? 4 (F) 9 (W) 14 (L)
- 7 Which country became an EU member state in July 2013? Croatia (D) Slovenia (K) Cyprus (A)
- 8 In which city can the Copacabana beach be found? Los Angeles (R) Sydney (E) Rio de Janeiro (O)
- Which member of the Kennedy political dynasty was assassinated in 1968?
- John (W) Robert (O) Ted (T) 10 Ciarán Hinds
- (pictured) starred as which historical figure in the TV drama series Rome? Mark Anthony (L) Cato the Younger (S) Julius Caesar (U)

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ACROSS

- 13 Absent (3,7)
- **14** Birds (7)
- 15 Cashier (6)
- 16 Look (6)
- 17 Coach (7) **18** Don (3,2)
- 19 Underside (4)
- **20** Learned (5)
- **21** Devil (5)
- 22 Leave (3,3) **23** Seat (5)
- 28 Angrily (7)
- **30** Encase (7
- **33** Emitting (6,3)
- **36** Bangs (6) **38** Yours (5)
- 39 Unaccompanied (5)
- 40 Particular (6)
- **42** Rose (3,2)
- 43 Say again (7) **44** Continues (4,2)
- **46** Fury (4)

- 49 Run (4)
- **51** Figure (6)
- **53** Warning (4,3)
- **55** Save (5)
- **59** Opposed to (6) **60** Rest (5)
- **61** Position (5)
- 62 Delay (3,3) 63 Safe-breaker (9)
- **65** Saw (7)
- 66 Criticise (7)
- **70** Time (5)
- **71** Drawing (6)
- 73 Endeavoured (5)
- **75** Accustom (5) 80 Hurtled (4)
- **82** Pull (5)
- **83** Soldier (7)
- 84 Din (6)
- 85 Inexperienced (6)
- 86 Anger (7)
- 87 Broken (3,2,5)

DOWN

- Sheepdog (6) Indignant (2,2,4)
- At no time (5)
- Convinced (7) Filter (6) Bear (5)
- Opens (6)
- Argument (7) Proof of endurance (4,2,4)
- 10 Broke (5)
- **11** Approval (8) 12 Thoroughly (4)
- **24** Funny (7)
- 25 Level (5)
- 26 Colour (7)
- **27** Tying (7) 29 Composition (5)
- 31 Lift (5) 32 Warm (4)
- 34 Brook (6)
- 35 Card game (4)
- **37** Oppose (7)

- 41 Prove (4,3) **45** Embittered (6)
- 47 Great (7)
- **48** Vie (7)
- **50** Back (7)
- **52** Looked at (4)
- **54** Rogue (5)
- **56** Allude (5)
- **57** Hop (4)
- **58** Rate (5)
- **60** Police van (5.5)
- **64** Crown everything (3,2,3)
- **67** Easy job (8)
- **68** Extend (7)
- 69 Souvenir (7)
- 72 Expectant (6) **74** Continue perusing (4,2)
- 76 Swam (6)
- **77** Revealèd (5)
- **78** Donated (5) **79** Wander (5)
- 81 Chief (4)

If 3 B M = Three Blind Mice and 101 D = 101 Dalmatians, can you solve the following set of six devious Ditloids?

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IWYB by the J5

The 3 S: M, L and C

1 for the M, 2 for the S

P 10 by The B S 1 P, 2 P, 3 P, 4

Can you guess the correct meanings of these tricky words?

PHLOGISTON

- A Magnesia mica
- **B** Vascular bundle
- C A hypothetical substance

MELINITE

- A Sugar filigree
- **B** Explosive made from picric acid
 - C Green marble

HOGSHEAD

- A Large cask
- **B** Measure of whisky
- C Type of tobacco

Can you tackle these four tantalising teasers?

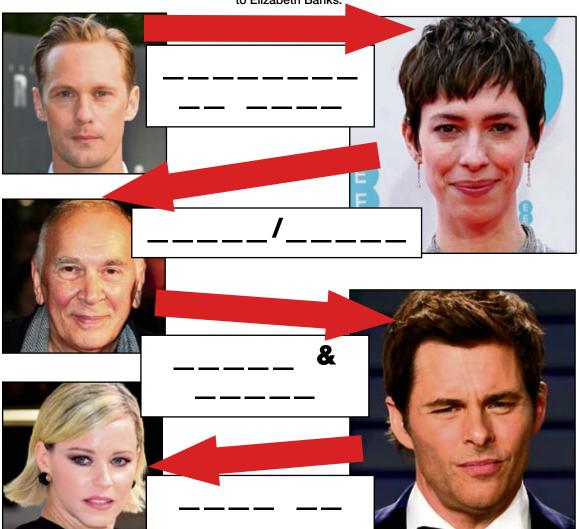
- 1 Four families are going for summer holidays, but where? The Hibbitts aren't going to a country which starts with S. The Clarks didn't book Spain, Switzerland or Brazil. The Howards aren't the ones on the way to
- Spain. The Tudors aren't heading to Italy.

 2 Which two words meaning 'devil' and 'apiece' can be combined to make a word
- eaning 'accuse'? 3 The following are all anagrams of politicians who are connected in some way. Who are they and what do the numbers mean? 77 MY METRIC JAR 81 29 OTHER VERB HERO 33
- 81 ADRENAL ORGAN 89 4 Nigel is marking homework. He gives exactly one sixth of his pupils As, one fifth Bs and a quarter Cs. If he gives the rest Fs, what is the minimum number of pupils that there

TE PL



Name the movies in which these stars appeared together to link Alexander Skarsgård to Elizabeth Banks.



Fill in the grid using anagrams of the listed words. There may be more than one option for each word.

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ACROSS

- 9 **'TWAS**
- 10 SO IN VAIN
- GORDIAN
- 13 PYRES
- **15** DAWNS **17** PART TEN
- **20** I AM
- **MUTER**
- **21** SAWN
- **22** TO RAID 23 ONE HUG

DOWN

- **BEMIRE WE VIED**
- A BALER 2
 - SETT
 - **FAINTED**
 - 4 **OVALS**
 - 5 ITS RANKS
 - 6 MY LOGO
 - **12** OR A **TRIAD**
 - **14** A TWELVE
 - 16 A DRAMA
 - **18** GREENE
 - **19** ETUIS
 - **21** MOAT

Fill in the rows, columns and boxes with the numbers 1 to 9 without the same number appearing twice in any row, column or box.

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			1		8			
	3	4				1	5	
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			2		6			
			5		4			
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Killer Sudoku is based on the traditional grid and every column, every row and every 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9. But the dotted shapes must be filled with numbers that add up to that in the left corner.

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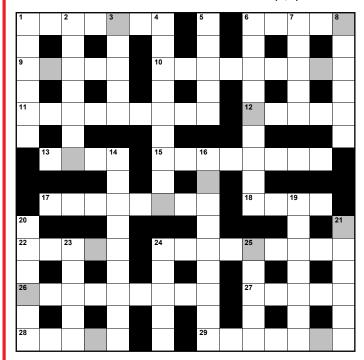
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Rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to reveal the name of an actress (5,9)



ACROSS

- 1 Thick-set short-haired British dog breed of mastiff
- type (7)
 6 Genus of trees and shrubs also known as acer (5)

 9 US golfer who has been
- number one in the Women's World Golf Rankings, _
- Korda (5)

 10 Biblical or related writings not forming part of the accepted canon of Scripture (9)
- 11 Experts in or students of the scientific study of plants (9) **12** British playwright whose works included 1969's *What*
- The Butler Saw, Joe _ (5)

 13 Acronym for the United States Air Force (4)

 15 Surname of the British
- track athlete sisters Christine and Victoria (8)
- 17 Benjamin _, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1874 to 1880 (8)
- 18 2000 single and album by Britney Spears, _! ... I Did It Again (4)
- 22 Country where the Amalfi Coast can be found (5)
 24 Informal name
- for the point on the elbow where the ulnar nerve passes near the surface (5,4)
- 26 An irrational fear or aversion towards animals (9)
- 27 The name of the Democratic Republic of the Congo from 1971 to 1997 (5) 28 Genus of evergreen shrubs
- that includes heather (5)
 29 Bronze Age archaeological site on the island of Crete (7)

DOWN

- 1 Species of endangered great ape in the Pan genus (6)
 2 Signs that must be Signs that must be displayed on any car driven by drivers in receipt of a provisional licence (1-6)
- The most respected or prominent person in a particular field (5)
- William Ewart _, Liberal politician who served for 12 years as Prime Minister of the
- United Kingdom (9)

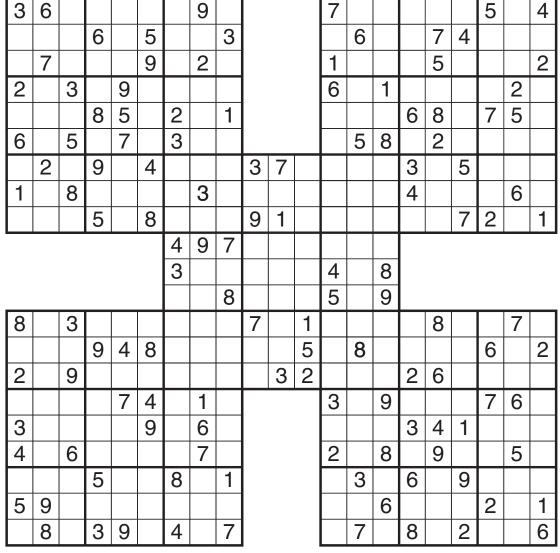
 5 Author of The Demon Headmaster children's book
- series, Gillian _ (5)

 6 Author of the 1969 crime novel The Godfather (5,4)
- Genus of small passerine birds with medium to long
- American painter who was the wife of Willem de Kooning, _ de Kooning (6)
- 14 Genus of plants in the olive family with yellow flowers (9)

 16 The national flag of the United Kingdom (5,4)
 - 19 Method of teaching people to read, based on learning the
 - sounds that letters represent (7) 20 American tried and acquitted of the 1892 axe
- murders of her father and stepmother, _ Borden (6) 21 Trojan hero of Greek
- mythology, the son of Aphrodite (6)
 23 West Mediterranean sauce
- of garlic and oil (5)
 24 Boxer who has held the British heavyweight title since _ Wardley (5)
- 25 Synth-pop duo that was comprised of Vince Clarke and Alison Moyet (5)

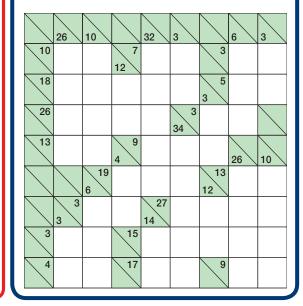
To hear the across and down solutions call 0907 181 1080.

In Samurai Sudoku, normal sudoku rules apply for all five 9x9 sudokus, but the 9x9 inner sudoku shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outside sudokus.



For extra clues call 0905 789 4163 Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge

Fill in each series of blank squares using the numbers 1 to 9. Each series - across and down - must add up to the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of the series. A number may be repeated in each line but not in a series.



Starting with the highlighted letter, follow a path to find 22 girls' names beginning with J. The trail passes through every letter once (but only once) and may go up, down, left or right, but not diagonally.





Alphapuzzle® tests your logic and word power. Each grid number represents a letter. Each letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. Can you beat the Target Time? Call for an Extra Letter Clue if you get stuck. Solution tomorrow. DIFFICULTY: 10/10; TARGET TIME: 30 minutes CLUE: Gallery holds Sarah, showing flavour.

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C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U *** X Y Z

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: Execute, Pain, List, Romantic, Sleazy, Trough, Scuffs, Breast, Untoward, Slam (clue), Silt, Orchard.

Down: Menial, Candid, Pest, Affront, Quarry, Season, Helmet, Bedeck, Pinhole, Seam, Jiving, Shandy. Alphapuzzle® © 2024 Acorn Editorial Ltd

EXTRA CLUE LETTERS: 0907 181 2628*

(Deduct two minutes from target time for each extra letter heard.) FULL SOLUTION: 0907 181 2629*
*Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's access charge. Alternatively, for six extra clues to your mobile, text DSSALPHA to 64343. Texts cost £1 plus your standard network rate.

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	2		8			3	5	
	3			1	2			4

Extra clues: 0901 322 5604 75p plus your telephone company s cess charge. SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390

digits from one to 9. LEVEL: Gentle TARGET: 16 mins Solution tomorrow YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

that every column, row and 3x3 square

Fill the grid so

includes all the

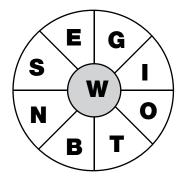
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Today's Solution: 0907 181 2630

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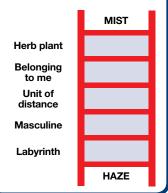
Nelcome to our Wordsearch with a difference. Not only are there 17 lost names hidden in the grid, written forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally, but if you or diagonally, but if you find them and cross them out, the letters that remain will spell out a further related name. As usual, we're not going to tell you what the lost names are, but they do all have a strong connection. The hidden name is a famous name is a famous Compton of that ilk – and that's a clue!

Using only the letters in the wordwheel, take 10 minutes to find as many words as possible, none of which may be plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. Each word must contain the central letter and at least three others. Letters can only be used once in every word. There is at least one nineletter word in the wheel.



To hear the full solution call 0907 181 1078.

Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time.



SOLUTIONS NEXT WEEK

Call 0907 181 2588

CRYPTIC CLUES

- **ACROSS** Remember to phone again (6)
- Resolve to pay e's debts (6) Game bird? (4)
- Demanding too much from a victory (8)
- Brand of permitted colour (7) 12 Clear profit may divide the court (3) 14 Love to wander
- about a royal house (6) 15 Lingerie that is not here to stay (6)
- **16** Weaken the position of a fool (3) 18 People in the wrong can cause distress (7)
- 22 Holidav with Virginia getting

- accountant into trouble (8)
 23 A light head-
- 24 A rigid back (6) 25 Gradually descend to

procrastinate? (6)

- About fifty-one roques I reform ecome pious (9) Dishonest
- dealer (4-5)

 3 Wild revel in the bar (5)

 4 Wait to start the
- yvait game (5) **5** Rob Robin Hood's favourite sweets? (4) Turner appears in
- the Scala Theatre (5) 10 Language for thieves of paintings to go into (5)

 11 Junk food (5)

- 12 Opposite of a day 13 Not a properly
- constituted company? (9)

 17 Have a collection in a church service (5)
- 19 Vegetable included in dish of macaroni one cooked (5)
- before the sun is 21 Not an early version of the tale (4)

20 Sign I'm back

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Remember (6) Alight (6) Frolic (4)
- Greed (8) Bright red (7) **12** Entrap (3)

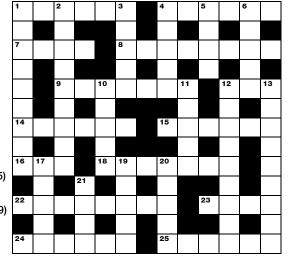
- 14 Fruit (6) 15 Loiter (6)
- 16 Undermine (3) 18 Mental
- suffering (7)
 22 Holiday (8)
 23 Nimbus (4) 24 Abaft (6)

25 Put off (6) DOWN

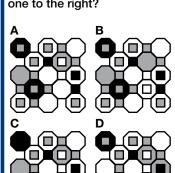
- Devout (9) Cheating cardplayer (4-5) **3** Prise (5
- Prise (5) Wait on (5) Fold (4)
- Machine for turning (5)

 10 Thieves' slang (5)
- **11** Rubbish (5) 12 Dusk (9)
- Group of three (9) 17 Accumulate (5) 19 Vegetable (5)
- 20 Less (5) **21** Tardy (4)

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same ANSWERS TOMORROW



Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the one to the right?



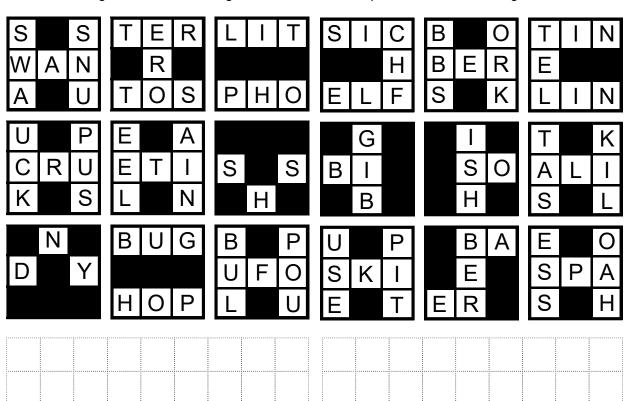
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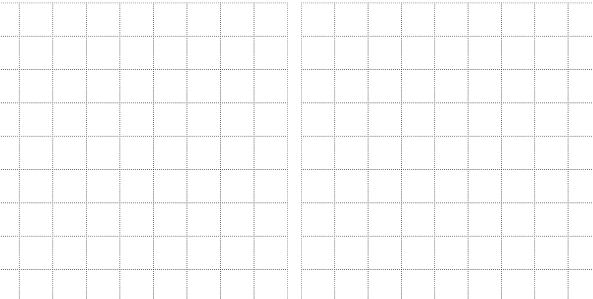
PUZZLE PLANET



DOUBLE JIGWORD

Arrange these crossword fragments to create two completed crosswords in the grids below.

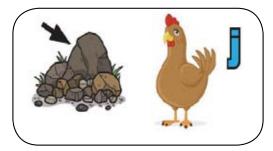




EMOJI OUIZ

Say what you see to find the answers to our emoji quiz!

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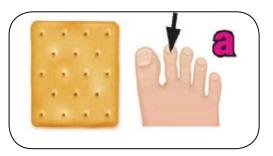
2 Film



3 Vegetable

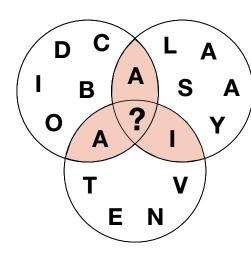


4 Volcano



CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words, names or terms on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

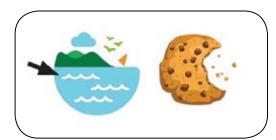


WORD BUILDER

Enter the solutions to the clues in their numbered layers of the wall. Each word must be an anagram of its neighbours, plus or minus one letter.

1	1	Hot drink
2	2	Loathe
3	3	Centre
4	4	Parent
5	5	Soil
6	6	Rend
7	7	Rodent

5 Name of a racehorse

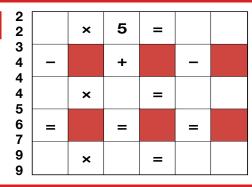


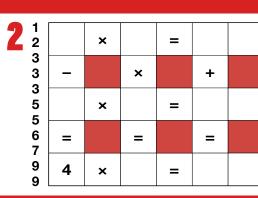


ARROWORD

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Fit the listed numbers into the grid so that all the sums are correct - reading left to right and top to bottom.





- ART & LITERATURE

 1 Which Scottish novelist wrote Where Eagles Dare?
- Which German dramatist wrote Mother Courage
 And Her Children and The Caucasian Chalk Circle?
- Which US writer created detective Mike Hammer?
- What nationality was surrealist painter René Magritte?
- Which US novelist wrote Of Mice And Men?
- Which classic children's tale was published by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry in 1943?

GEOGRAPHY

- 7 Mont Blanc is the highest peak of which mountain range?
- 8 What is the capital of Japan?
- Little Rock is the capital of which state of the USA?
- 10 In which continent is the volcano Kilimanjaro?
- 11 Sark is part of which island group?
- 12 Sardinia is an autonomous region of which country?

NATURE

- 13 What sort of creature is a setter?
- 14 Which plant does the drug digitalis come from?
- 15 What sort of creature is a pinto?16 What collective name is given to organisms such as moulds, mildews and mushrooms?
- 17 Which perennial plant, whose leafstalks are cooked in desserts, has poisonous leaves?
- 18 What sort of creature is a booby?

 SPORT & LEISURE

- 19 Which US athlete won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics in 1936?
- 20 With which sport is Arnold Palmer associated?
- 21 Which country did Zola Budd represent in the 1984 Olympics?
- 22 Which British motorcyclist won the 500cc world
- championship in 1976?

 23 What nationality was the long-distance runner Emil Zátopek?
- 24 How many balls are used in a game of English billiards?

POT LUCK

- 25 Which of the gifts given to baby Jesus by the Three Kings is an aromatic, yellow-red gum resin?
- 26 What was the small, unsuccessful electric car, introduced in 1985 at under £400, called?
- 27 Which family has ruled the tiny principality of Monaco since 1297? 28 What is a town in France, the name of the Dutch
- roval family and a citrus fruit? 29 Which US film actor was born William Claude
- Dukenfield?
- **30** What is the name of the clipper built at Dumbarton in 1869 and now preserved as a museum in Greenwich?

- **1** Which Oscar-winner played Galadriel in the *Lord* Of The Rings films?
- 2 Which singer has had his first top ten hit with Million Dollar Baby? Who recently gave birth to baby Dolly in
- EastEnders? Who won Best Actress at the Bafta TV Awards last month?
- Which ITV reality game show was recently
- hosted by Stephen Mangan?

 6 What was the title of Falco's dramatic 1986 number one hit?
- Which recent John Krasinski film is about imaginary friends?
- What is the title of Dua Lipa's new number one album?
- **9** In what place did the UK's Olly Alexander finish in Eurovision 2024?
- **10** Which Scottish actor plays the 15th incarnation of Doctor Who?



Can you match each train to the festival's schedule?

David loves steam trains. Luckily for him, a steam festival is being held next month with the UK's most famous trains travelling through various stations for one week. Unfortunately, the timetable on the festival's website has crashed and David can now only view some of the information.

The festival is opening in Bristol with the world-famous Soaring Welshman, and closing with a train that has a colour in its name.

David can see that The Pochard will be passing through a station in the morning, and he knows that The Cavalier never travels south of Birmingham.

He remembers thinking it's lucky that the early morning train will be passing through the station closest to his home in Southampton, and that the Manchester train will arrive at 7pm on the day after the one in Birmingham.

A lengthy opening ceremony means that Monday's train won't be arriving until 4pm.

David was planning to get some lunch in Cardiff on Tuesday before seeing Blue Petra, and he's booked a hotel in Birmingham for Thursday night.

Can you help David get back on track to see his five favourite trains?

	Southampto	Bristol	Cardiff	Birmingham	Manchester	8am	11am	2pm	4pm	7pm
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The Pochard										
The Red Duchess										
The Cavalier										
Blue Petra										
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Thursday

Friday

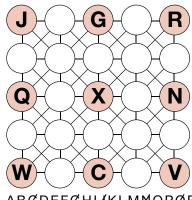
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Can you spot six differences between these two pictures of Joy Crookes?

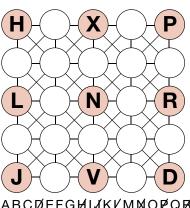




Place all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) into the grid to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction.



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BUSH DANGLE Z DAY ENQUIRY **FLOCK JOLTS** MOLE NOVA **PIXEL WRANGLE**

BASH

OXEN PLUM

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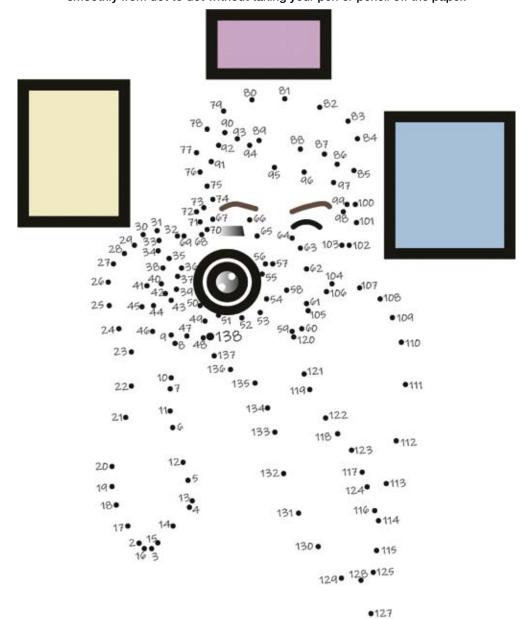
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BEAK CHUMS FLINT

ABCØEFGHIJKĽMMOPQØSTUVWXY



Brush up your fine motor skills by joining up the dots from number 1. Try gliding smoothly from dot to dot without taking your pen or pencil off the paper.



Can you find all of these European Cup/Champions League-winning football teams in the grid? Words may appear forwards, backwards or diagonally.

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A.C. MILAN **AJAX ASTON VILLA BARCELONA BAYERN MUNICH**

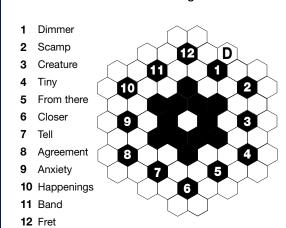
BENFICA

CELTIC

CHELSEA FEYENOORD HAMBURG INTER MILAN JUVENTUS LIVERPOOL MAN UNITED

MARSEILLE PORTO P.S.V. **REAL MADRID RED STAR STEAUA**

All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.



Find a word that can follow the word on the left and precede the word on the right. When you have filled in all the answers, the name of a celebrity can be read from top to bottom in one row.

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HOLY				BELT
PICKET				POST
TOP				SPLIT
BOY				SHIP
PINE				POINT
SIDE				SORE
HERB				SALAD
WILD				KINGDOM
TAKE				CHARGE
SUDDEN				ROW
BLIND				STONE

Complete the puzzle, then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to find the name of an actress (5,3).

US statesman	•	Former currency of Spain	•	Joke	Crumpled	•	Call The _, BBC series	•	Doctor_, Christopher Marlowe play	•
•							_ Levin, US author	-		
Mos _, US rapper and actor		Harrison _, actor		Olly _, singer	Finish	-			Friend	
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•			Regret	-			Influenza, informally	-		
Golf score	_ Lynam, sports presenter	•			Squirrel nests	-				

SOLUTIONS NEXT WEEK

Test your knowledge with *Jay's Virtual Pub Quiz Book*, available from Mirror Books. Call 01256 590490 or order online at mirrorbooks.co.uk. (Free P&P on orders over £15.)

WEEK'S ANSW

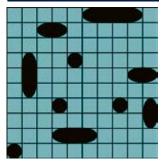


CELEBRITY CROSSWORD

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Celebrity is Shania Twain

BATTLESHIPS



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FAMOUS FACES

Anita Rani, Anthony Hopkins, Nick Knowles, Octavia Spencer, Sophie Okonedo: SARAH SNOOK

WORD SPIRAL

1 Half; 2 Fine; 3 Easy; 4 Yolk; 5 Knee; 6 Echo; 7 Ovum; 8 Meal; 9 Lent; 10 Tier; 11 Rich; 12 Help; 13 Peer; 14 Rung; 15 Guam; 16 Marc. Keyword solution: Mercury

TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

BEGINNER: 75 INTERMEDIATE: 108 GENIUS: 278

CLOCKWORD

1 Liquid, 2 Absurd, 3 Unkind, 4 Rancid, 5 Errand, 6 Nursed, 7 Ballad, 8 Ascend, 9 Candid, 10 Afraid, 11 Lizard, 12 Legend.
CELEBRITY: Lauren Bacall.

NAME GAME KEVIN BACON

1E, 2N, 3K, 4N, 5I, 6V, 7A, 8O, 9C, 10B.

GIANT CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 13 Wage freeze; 14 Pointer; 15 Leader; 16 With it; 17 Rummage;

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KILLER SUDOKU

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OUIZ CROSSWORD



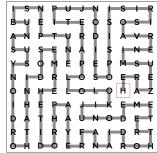
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Musician is Tom Waits

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PATHFINDER





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LOGIC

Name	Winnings	Month	Purchase									
Harriet	£250,000	July	New house									
Floyd	£500,000	June	Holiday									
Marty	£50,000	March	Hot tub									
Iris	£10,000	October	Charity									
Hans	£25,000	May	Sports car									

18 Press; 19 Hold; 20 Decay; 21 Hasty;

- 22 Tendon; 23 Booth; 28 Shatter; 30 Stretch; 33 Bad humour; 36 Sitter; 38 Inner; 39 Still; 40 Retail; 42 Stair;
- 43 Portent; 44 Settle; 46 Riga; 49 Taxi; 51 Tenure; 53 Slither; 55 Mouse;
- 51 lenure; 53 Slittner; 55 Mouse; 59 Stance; 60 Roach; 61 Sheet; 62 Litter; 63 Lashed out; 65 Reverse; 66 Confirm; 70 Stony; 71 Addled; 73 Score; 75 Cause; 80 Thus; 82 Habit; 83 Private;
- 84 Exists; 85 August; 86 Unearth;
- 64 Exists, 65 August, 66 Oriearth, 87 Getting out. DOWN: 1 Malice; 2 New heart; 3 Grate; 4 Hearsay; 5 Hermit; 6 Sprat; 7 Direct; 8 Stipend; 9 Free-for-all; 10 Close; 11 Bathroom; 12 Well; 24 Touring; 25 Pearl; 26 Bearing; 27 Charmed; 29 Hoist; 31 Tenet; 32 Cast; 34 Disown;
- 35 Rime; 37 Tuition; 41 Turn out; 45 Treaty; 47 Attends; 48 Blasted; 50 Attract; 52 Road; 54 Tiers; 56 Sheer;
- 57 Shoe; 58 Gloom; 60 Roundabout; 64 Hangs out; 67 Flamingo; 68 Flutter; 69 Arrests; 72 Depart; 74 Change; 76 Set out; 77 White; 78 Might; 79 Begin;

DITLOIDS 2 Points for a Conversion in Rugby In 1 Ear and Out the Other

Deuce is 40-All in Tennis
The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by

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Alexander McCall Smith

DEFINITIONS

BRAIN BUSTERS

in each round.

MOVIE LINKS

218 RC: Hannibal Crosses the Alps

A. Venerate
C. Speaking movement without sound

1 Brian is the pirate, Kevin is the nun, Lydia is the rhino and Natalie is the diver.

2. Prop-agate) 3. Illegally, cellular, lullaby 4. 24,883. The crowd increases by 20%

You Again; Freaky Friday; Bobby; Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind.

ANAGRAM CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Cabin, 4 Perfect, 9 Casement,
10 Cool, 11 Villain, 12 Biked,
14 Cotangent, 18 Feast, 19 Dirtied,
22 Taxi, 23 Assembly, 24 Heights,
25 Using.
Down: 2 Agaric, 3 Ideal, 5 Eats, 6 Fiction,
7 Choked, 8 Recital, 13 Against,
15 Ousting, 16 Senate, 17 Merlin,
20 Tames, 21 Bait.

ANAGRAM CROSSWORD

64 Squares on a Chessboard

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SAMURAI SUDOKU

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WORDWHEEL

9-letter word is ANECDOTAL

WORD LADDER

Pace, Pack, Peck, Peep, Seep, Step.

LOSS WORD

ANSWERS: The lost names are ALEXANDER, CABLE, CARMICHAEL, CLARK, CLEGG, CRABB, DAVEY, FALLON, GOVE, HAGUE, JAVID, LAWS, MAUDE, MCLOUGHLIN, MCVEY, MORGAN, TRUSS, VILLIERS, all surnames of senior government ministers. The hidden name is OSBORNE

MIRROR IMAGE: D

EMOJI QUIZ

Minehead Borneo Mascara Amelia

CIRCLEGRAM The letter represented by the question mark is O. Lemonade, Cordial, Root beer, all soft drinks.

WORD BUILDER

Gas, Sage, Rages, Grapes, Reaps, Peas, Sea

PUB QUIZ

5 Pakistan, 6 London, 7 Laurel and Hardy, 8 Arctic Monkeys, 9 Jack Nicholson, 10 Cliff Richard, 11 The

Doors. 12 Rhythm and blues. 13 Knot. Doors, 12 Rhythm and blues, 13 Knot, 14 Mercury, 15 Iron, 16 3.142, 17 Twelve, 18 Carbon, 19 A card game, 20 Value-added tax, 21 Tuscany, 22 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 23 Interpol, 24 Yeti, 25 Humber, 26 Grampian Region, 27 Liverpool, 28 The Archbishop of Canterbury, 29 Alderney, 30 Hadrian's Wall.

SHOWBIZ QUIZ

4 Peter Andre; 5 Red Eye; 6 Inspiral Carpets; 7 Kingdom Of The Planet Of The Apes; 8 Daft Punk; 9 The Met Gala; 10 Sue Perkins.

SUMTHING

1. 9x6=54, 4x3=12, 5x9=45 2. 8x4=32, 6x5=30, 2+9=11

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Wristband is now yellow; extra Sister Act logo on the right; brim of Craig's hat is wider on the left; edge of carpet is higher on the left; one of Craig's sandals is darker; shorts leg at front is longer.

HONEYCOMB

1 Molest. 2 Locate. 3 Ethics. 4 Cicada. 5 Adjust. 6 Summon. 7 Nodule. 8 Lustre. 9 Ermine. 10 Nibble. 11 Legate. 12 Agents.

1 Charles II, 2 Wembley Stadium, 3 The Gunpowder Plot, 4 Michael Heseltine,